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Mrs. Inez Wiggins Christentery

Mrs. Inez Wiggins Chrisentery is a virtuous woman who is a Christian, an educator and an activist. As a Christian she accepted Christ at an early age and became a Methodist. She became a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church, where she has served in many capacities. Her Christian journey took her to many places and she met with many persons of faith, including Bishops, who often asked her advice and opinions.

As a United Methodist Woman she held several positions in her local unit at St. Mark, was District President and taught School of Mission courses. She has been a delegate to six United Methodist Women Assemblies.

As an educator, she taught schools in Franklinton, Grambling and Southern Universities and St. Helena Parish Training School. She was a long time elementarry school principal in East Baton Rouge Parish until her retirement. Upon retirement, she held membership in many education and benolevent organizations. In 1991, after her retirement, Governor Roemer appointed her as a member of the State Civil Service Commission.

As an activist, Mrs. Chrisentery has spent many hours with volunteers in public school organizations. She is a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches and Synagogues.

Finally, a building at the MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services is being named in her honor, for her outstanding contribution in helping to tear down racial barriers as president of the United Methodist Women B.

Mrs. Chrisentery, we thank you for your hard work and consider it a privilege to dedicate this Annual Report and Directory in your honor.

THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline: Paragraph 1317)

THE COVER

The design on the cover was taken from the Annual Meeting Program Book. The theme of the Annual Meeting was "Peace". The original design was drawn by Tommie Blackbourne Simmons.

DEDICATION

The dedication was written by Edna Hickman, a long time friend.

OUR POLICY

IT IS AGAINST THE POLICY OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION TO RELEASE LISTS OF OFFICERS TO ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR COMMERCIAL FIRMS. THESE LISTS ARE PUBLISHED FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ONLY AND ARE TO BE USED FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.

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Mrs. Glenn Laskey
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Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
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1930 - 1972

Miss Mildred Evans

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Miss Grace Lawson
Miss Mary G. Page
Mrs. Minza Rabun
Miss Sue Batton
Miss Arline Tyler
Mrs. Gloria Bennett
Mrs. E. Lyons Baker
Mrs. Owinda Taplette
Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson
Mrs. Mary M. Bell
Mrs. Mary Helen Leslie

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERICE

1968 - 1972

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
Miss Ethel Alston

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1972

Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick
Mrs. Robert Compton
Mrs. Truman L. Ward

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Mrs. Glenn Laskey

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Mrs. George Carter, Jr.

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1975 - 1979	Amy Ward
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1980 - 1983	Nell Read
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Constitution and Bylaws, UMW, 2001-2004, pp. 34-35, Articlt III

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New Orleans District UMW President.....Fannie Reddix

Wesley Foundation, Louisiana Tech
Ruston District UMW President.....Jan Rose

St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans
New Orleans District UMW President.....Fannie Reddix

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Constitution & Bylaws United Methodist Women 2001-2004, pgs.34-35, Article III, Section 1

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C&B Pages 35-36, Article IV, Section 1

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C&B Page 35, Article III, Section 2

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

C & B, page 36, Article IV, Section 2

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Carolyn Colvin
Jo Traweek
Brenda Canty
Lana Lathan
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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

C&B, Page 37, Article IV, Section 4

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Donna Law
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Class of 2007
LaJanice Londro
Ruth Butler
Melba Stine
Jan Dickerson
Dorothy Evans

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C & B, page 36-37, Article IV, Section 3

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Carolyn Colvin
Lana Lathan
9 District MNO Chairpersons

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C & B, page 38. Article IV, Section 6

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Three Year Term: 2002-2005
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C & B, Pgs. 37-38, Article IV, Section 5

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Jeanne Green
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First Aid: Kathleen Thom
Audio/Visuals: Brenda Canty
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Gladys Prillerman,, Immediate Past Chair
Lueburda Myers
Kathleen Conrad
Jeanette McCalman
Brenda Canty
Three to be selected by the Chairperson:

COMMIITTEE ON ANNUAL REPORT & & DIRECTORY

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Lueburda Myers

TASK GROUP ON DELT, 2004

Chairperson Staphenae Carey
Co-Chairperson Mary Ann Monk

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
(Meeting/Events at Louisiana Conference Center except where noted)

Year 2004

January	25	UMW Sunday
	30-31	Midyear Executive Committee Meeting
March	12-14	South Central Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting
	20	Finance, Membership & Nominations Committees
April	27-May 7	United Methodist Church General Conference - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June	9-12	Louisiana Annual Conference - Lafayette
	12-15	West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission
July	14-17	South Central Jurisdctional Conference, Corpus Christi
	21-24	UMW School of Christian Mission
September	24-25	Louisiana UMW Annual Meeting
October	9	UMW District Elected Leaders Training (DELT)

2004 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS & MINI-SCHOOLS

District	Event	Date	Place
Acadiana	Mini-School	August 21	Sager-Brown
	Annual Meeting	November 6	Sager-Brown
Alexandria	Annual Meeting &	October 2	Palestine
	Mini-School	October 2	Palestine
Baton Rouge	Mini-School	August 7	Wesley
	Annual Meeting	November 6	Camphor
Lake Charles	Mini-School	August 22	Squyres
	Annual Meeting	October 23	Welsh, FUMC
Monroe	Mini-School	August 21	TBA
	Annual Meeting	November 6	TBA
New Orleans	Mini-School	August 7	LaPlace
	Annual Meeting	October 30	Gretna
North Shore	Mini-School	October 14	TBA
	Annual Meeting	TBA	TBA
Ruston	Mini-School	August 14	Farmerville, FUMC
	Annual Meeting	October 16	Ruston,Wesley
Shreveport	Mini-School	August 21	Fellowship, Bossier
	Annual Meeting	October 15	Shreveport, FUMC

Year 2005

January	23	UMW Sunday
February	18-19	Mid-year Executive Committe Meeting/ UMW Retreat
March	26	Finance, Membership & Nominations Committees
July	20-23	UMW School of Christian Missions
October	8	UMW District Elected Leaders Training (DELT)

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LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE DISTRICT TREASURER

Feburary 15
May 15
August 15
November 15

DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE CONFERENCE TREASURER

March 1
June 1
September 1
December 1

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
Goals for the Year 2004

In keeping with the Purpose of United Methodist Women in 2004 we will:

I. In the year 2004, as **A Community of Women**, our goal will be to increase membership by:
   A. Seeking to charter nw units in churches where units do not exist.
   B. Creating more District Units.
   C. Increasing the memberhip in existing units by creating teen, college/university age and newly retired women's circles.

II. In the year 2004, our goul will be to encourage children, youth and woment **to Know God** by:
   A. Promotiong Conference, District, and local unit mission studies as outlined by the Women's Division.
   B. Incorporating the use of the Prayer Calendar in daily devotion.

III. In the year 2004, our goal will be to continue to **Develop A Creative Supportive Fellowship** by:
   A. Observing UMW Sunday (membership emphasis Sunday) on January 25, 2004, or an alternate date, in every unit throughout the conference.
   B. Promoting and celebrating the 135th Anniversary of United Methodist Women on the local, district and conference levels.
   C. Collection items as outlined in the current Material Resources for Mission Catalog, and presenting them at the UMW Annual Meeting to Women's Division Projects in Louisiana; Dulac Cooperative Ministry, MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, St. Mark's Community Center and Sager-Brown/UMCOR.

IV. In the year 2004, our goal will be to **Expand Concepts of Mission** by:
   A. Encouraging District and Local Units to use the 2004 Program Book, Response Magazine, and the Prayer Calendar in program planning.
   B. Promoting and assisting each Local and District Unit in becoming a Mission Today Unit.
   C. Implementing the Charter Club for Racial Justice.
   D. Increasing the number of participants in the Reading Program by 5%.
   E. Participating and supporting the programming of Church Women United, and the World Federation of Methodist Women and Uniting Church Women.

V. In the year 2004, we will continue to **Participate in the Global Ministries of the Church** by:
   A. Paying our pledge to mission in full.
   B. Supporting and promoting our Mission Candle and Mission Ribbons.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
2004 Budget

PLEDGE TO MISSION			$ 240,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT			
A. Travel Expense: (Insurance, Lodging/Meals, Mileage)	$	6,000.00	
Executive & Other Committees, for Interconfernce Events & Responsibilities & Church Related Meetings			
B. Resources: Officers	$	100.00	
Resources: Service Center Mailings (3)	$	105.00	
C. District Administrative & Membership Development	$	18,322.00	
D. Jurisdiction A & MD (1 1/4% of Pledge)	$	3,000.00	
E. Schools of Christian Mission			
1. West Gulf Regional	$	6,000.00	
2. Louisiana Conference	$	12,000.00	
F. Programs & Events within Louisiana Conference			
1. Annual Meeting (include Speaker's Travel)	$	1,500.00	
2. District Elected Leadership Training (DELT - include Speaker's Travel)	$	2,050.00	
3. Retreat 2003 (Cumulative 2 years)	$	250.00	
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events			
1. National Assembly, 2006 (Cumulative 4 years)	$	2,300.00	
2. Jurisdictional Meeting, 2004 (Cumulative 4 years)	$	600.00	
3. National Seminar, 2003 (Cumulative 4 years)	$	300.00	
H. Operating Expenses			
1. Conference Directory	$	2,000.00	
2. Newsletter (Printing & Bulk Mail)	$	7,000.00	
3. Postage	$	400.00	
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	$	700.00	
5. Telephone	$	150.00	
6. Audit for 2003	$	1,500.00	
7. Honors and Memorials	$	400.00	
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	$	100.00	
I. Church Women United	$	300.00	
TOTAL A&MD BUDGET FOR 2004	$	65,077.00	$65,077.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 2004			$ 305,077.00

District A&MD Budgets for 2004

District		2004 Budget
Acadiana	$	1,625.00
Alexandria	$	2,455.00
Baton Rouge	$	2,750.00
Lake Charles	$	2,185.00
Monroe	$	1,385.00
New Orleans	$	2,850.00
North Shore	$	2,300.00
Ruston	$	552.00
Shreveport	$	2,220.00
	$	18,322.00

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMARY ANNUAL GIVING BY DISTRICTS - 2003

District	TOTAL GIVING		UNDESIGNATED GIVING: Total Undesignated Giving	Pledge to Mission	Special Mission Recognition	Gift to Mission	Gift in Memory	World Thank Offering		Call to Prayer & Self Denial	General Mission	World Mission	National Mission	UMCOR	Crusade Scholarships	Magazine Fund	Other
Acadiana	19,975.23	#	15,585.50	11,653.72	1,715.00	510.00	370.00	1,336.78	#	795.54	10.00	0.00	335.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	3,164.19
Alexandria	28,801.96	#	24,378.40	21,830.35	1,025.00	105.00	165.00	1,453.05	#	737.73	10.00	5.00	995.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,875.83
Baton Rouge	58,308.04	#	44,381.81	37,382.76	2,342.50	570.00	884.78	3,201.77	#	2,534.30	85.00	35.00	4,235.00	255.00	0.00	8.00	4,793.93
Lake Charles	46,078.06	#	38,295.49	31,180.53	1,885.00	570.00	335.00	2,324.96	#	897.48	75.00	0.00	4,704.30	375.00	0.00	0.00	3,728.81
Monroe	32,991.49	#	27,990.44	23,177.41	1,880.00	342.50	471.00	2,119.53	#	792.77	25.00	0.00	1,045.00	485.00	0.00	0.00	2,653.28
New Orleans	50,898.18	#	42,548.01	38,241.01	2,315.00	572.50	760.00	2,657.50	#	1,453.93	125.00	100.00	3,498.44	512.50	0.00	0.00	2,660.30
North Shore	28,957.81	#	23,450.50	17,116.85	2,670.00	973.00	795.00	1,895.85	#	1,246.50	150.00	40.00	889.50	195.00	10.50	0.00	2,975.61
Ruston	23,090.84	#	19,896.83	17,170.50	1,015.00	190.00	245.00	1,278.33	#	1,031.37	20.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,042.64
Shreveport	52,854.52	#	42,513.80	35,362.09	2,475.00	832.50	515.00	3,329.21	#	2,138.27	0.00	0.00	1,950.00	1,699.00	15.00	0.00	4,540.45
La. Conference	3,718.66	#	2,272.25	0.00	2,257.25	0.00	15.00	0.00	#	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,448.41
	0.00	#	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Annual - 2003	**343,670.59**		**279,291.03**	**230,915.22**	**19,579.75**	**4,665.50**	**4,535.78**	**19,594.78**		**11,625.87**	**500.00**	**180.00**	**17,752.24**	**3,606.50**	**25.50**	**8.00**	**30,681.45**

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMARY OF OTHER GIVING BY DISTRICTS - 2003

District	TOTALS	Estelle Dameron Scholarship	Retiring Conference Officers	Mission Ribbons	Mission Candle	A&MD	Conference Directory	District Offerings	Unused District A&MD		Transient	Conference Offering for Meetings	Transfer to Conf. LO Conference Love Offering	Other
Acadiana	3,164.19	0.00	110.00	532.00	779.72	496.00	46.00	575.00	425.47	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Alexandria	2,675.83	135.00	175.00	451.00	803.16	622.00	34.00	0.00	455.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baton Rouge	4,793.93	185.00	380.00	901.00	2,202.93	804.00	4.00	317.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lake Charles	3,728.81	255.00	314.00	744.00	1,507.81	791.00	46.00	71.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Monroe	2,653.28	140.00	520.00	356.00	1,299.28	204.00	34.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Orleans	2,660.30	145.00	140.00	370.00	1,287.80	363.00	71.00	283.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Shore	2,975.61	185.00	227.50	713.00	1,150.66	398.00	41.00	260.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ruston	2,042.64	35.00	372.00	480.00	864.14	190.00	2.00	99.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shreveport	4,540.45	0.00	219.50	993.00	1,846.80	808.42	30.00	166.80	450.93	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	1,446.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,446.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Annual - 2003	**30,681.45**	**1,080.00**	**2,458.00**	**5,540.00**	**11,742.30**	**4,676.42**	**308.00**	**1,773.25**	**1,332.07**	**1,446.41**	**325.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW - 2003
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Through 12/31/03

	2003 BUDGET	EXPENSES & CREDITS	BALANCE
A. TRAVEL, (Incl. Insurance, Lodging & Meals)	$ 6,000.00		
1. Insurance		$ (721.00)	
2. Lodging/Meals		$ (2,359.82)	
3. Mileage		$ (3,553.74)	
Total Travel	$ 6,000.00	$ (6,634.56)	$ (634.56)
B. RESOURCES:			
1. Officer	$ 100.00	$ (47.95)	$ 52.05
2. Service Center Mailings	$ 90.00	$ (105.00)	$ (15.00)
3. Book Sales	$ -	$ (91.81)	$ (91.81)
C. DISTRICT A&MD	$ 18,637.00	$ (18,637.00)	$ -
D. JURISDICTION A&MD (1% of Pledge)	$ 3,062.50	$ (3,062.50)	$ -
E. SCHOOLS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION:			
1. West Gulf Regional	$ 6,000.00	$ (5,847.25)	$ 152.75
2. Louisiana Conference	$ 12,000.00	$ (15,983.64)	$ (3,983.64)
F. PROGRAMS & EVENTS IN LA. CONFERENCE			
1. Annual Meeting	$ 1,500.00	$ (2,932.05)	$ (1,432.05)
2. DELT	$ 2,050.00	$ (3,302.44)	$ (1,252.44)
3. Retreat - 2003	$ 250.00	$ 1,992.68	$ 2,242.68
			$ (441.81)
G. ATTENDANCE AT REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS:			
1. Assembly 2002 (Cumulative 4 Years)	$ 2,300.00	$ (2,300.00)	$ -
2. Jurisdiction 2004 (Cumulative 4 Years)	$ 600.00	$ (600.00)	$ -
3. National Seminar 2003 (Cumulative 4 Years)	$ 300.00	$ (300.00)	$ -
H. OPERATING EXPENSES:			
1. Conference Directory	$ 2,000.00	$ (1,813.00)	$ 187.00
2. Newsletter (Including Bulk Postage)	$ 7,000.00	$ (3,475.18)	$ 3,524.82
3. Postage	$ 400.00	$ (385.08)	$ 14.92
4. Office Supplies & Printing (Copying)	$ 700.00	$ (334.07)	$ 365.93
5. Telephone	$ 150.00	$ -	$ 150.00
6. Audit for 2000	$ 1,500.00	$ (1,500.00)	$ -
7. Honors and Memorials	$ 400.00	$ (25.00)	$ 375.00
8. Dependent Care Subsidy	$ 100.00	$ -	$ 100.00
I. CHURCH WOMEN UNITED	$ 300.00	$ (300.00)	$ -
TOTALS	$ 65,439.50	$ (65,683.85)	$ (686.16)

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2003

	Mission Funds Undesignated (Conf A&MD)	Reserve Funds Designated By Conf. Exec.	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash in Checking Account	$ 15,838.73			$ 15,838.73
Cash in Savings Account	(closed)			
Cash in Certificate of Deposit		$ 4,600.00	$ 302.01	$ 4,902.01
Hibernia Bank - Plain Dealing	$ 15,838.73	$ 4,600.00	$ 302.01	$ 20,740.74
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				
Restricted Funds (By Donor for within Conference)				
1. Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund			$ 315.00	
2. Offering f/Assembly 2006			$ 45.00	
				$ 360.00
Reserve Funds				
(Designated by Conf. Executive)				
1. 2006 National Assembly		$ 4,600.00		
2. 2003 National Sem(Cum 4 Yr)		$ 800.00		
3. 2004 Jurisdtion Mtg(Cum 4 Yr)		$ 1,800.00		
4. Scholarship f/Jurisdiction Mtg.		$ 300.00		
		$ 7,500.00		
				$ 7,500.00
Mission Funds - Undesignated - A&MD				
1. A&MD Funds Held in Reserve for A&MD Gifts + Interest				
2. A&MD Funds Retained/1st Qtr	$ 14,163.95			
3. Other Funds Due for Women's Division - SMRP	$ (1,283.21)			
				$12,880.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES				$ 20,740.74

President's Report 2003

United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Accomplishments and Celebration

As we convene our 30th Annual Meeting, three decades, on September 19-20, 2003 at First United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana with special guest speaker Joyce D. Sohl, Deputy General Secretary of Women's Division, we stand on the threshold of 135 years of organized mission. We've come to celebrate the blessings and accomplishments of our grassroots members from local units across the nine districts of the conference for actively fulfilling the mission of Christ and the Church through a multiplicity of creative programs, mission projects, and activities in service to women, youth, children, and others.

We also celebrate with triumphant joy for the 7 new units, 16 re-organized units, 3 Teen/College/University units and several new circles that have joined our mission force. We rejoice for the dedication of hundreds of women who engaged in mission studies at the local, district, and conference levels along with a strong individual reading program to strengthen their personal faith and foster growth in the Christian faith. We express thanks to God for the women at each level of the United Methodist Women organization who continue to answer God's call and accept the awesome responsibility of leadership. We must keep them in our prayers.

God has blessed us with the continued gift of life and reasonably good health to enable us to serve, praise His name, and bring the light to those in darkness. We are not only United Methodist Women in mission, but we each have a mission or calling to fulfill. We are truly humbled to be the **KEY** mission arm of the church. For all of these gifts and graces, we celebrate!

Vision and Goals

For the remainder of this quadrennium and beyond, we will continue to be very deliberate about making a conscious and concerted effort to invite teens, college and university women to become members and partners in mission through the organization of 'district' units on campuses of higher learning and Wesley Foundations. Our vision for the future is to prepare young and vibrant women, at an early age, to expand their concepts of mission and get ready for leadership roles to fulfill the PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women organization and carry on the legacy for generations to come. **"We Lead - We Serve."**

Lueburda Jamison Myers, President

Christian Women are Praying for PEACE

Our Father, up in Heaven,
hear this prayer for peace:
May the people of ALL NATIONS
BE UNITED IN THY CARE,
For earth's peace and man's salvation
can come only by thy grace
And not through bombs and missiles
and our quest for outer space ...
For until all men recognize
that "THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S"
And peace on earth cannot be won
with mere strategy and swords,
We will go on vainly fighting,
as we have in ages past,
Finding only empty victorious
and a peace that cannot last ...
But we've grown so rich and mighty
and so arrogantly strong,
We no longer ask in humbleness–
"God, show us where we're wrong" ...
We have come to trust completely
in the power of man-made things,
Unmindful of God's mighty power
and that HE IS "KING OF KINGS"...
Too often we have turned our eyes from HIM
to go our selfish way,
And money, power, and pleasure
are the gods we serve today ...
And the good green earth God gave us
to peacefully enjoy,
Through greed and fear and hatred
some are seeking to destroy...
Oh, Father, up in heaven,
stir and wake our sleeping souls,
Renew our faith and lift us up
and give us higher goals,
and grant us heavenly guidance
as we experience the **Risen Christ** again–
For, more than GUIDED MISSILES,
all the world needs GUIDED MEN.
Oh, Father, up in heaven,
Hear our OUR PRAYER for PEACE.

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day
of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.
Nahum 1:7

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2003

It's been a wonderful year for United Methodist Women in the LA Conference and I can't thank God enough for being so blessed to be a part of such a dynamic organization. The year of *Singing A New Song* began for me with the 2003 Annual Meeting. Following the Annual Meeting I did "*Sing A New Song*," with the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission Planning Team not only as a Conference Representative but as the Chair of Nominations. This song allowed me to sing in tune with others as we came together to plan the West Gulf School of Christian Mission and select the 2004 West Gulf Regional Planning Team. What an experience!

Our purpose states that as a *community of women* we are to know God. Following this experience I have come to know God on a different spiritual level and have a deeper appreciation for the community of women who have united to be in a mission.

Speaking at two United Methodist Women Sunday's in different settings, one in a hotel at a "*Jazz Brunch*," and the other at a traditional service, challenged me in the area of "*creativity*" in order to be a member of the "*supportive fellowship.*" To these experiences I am humbled to share the *Good News*!

My "*concept of mission*" was expanded as I represented United Methodist Women at a panel discussion for the seminary students of Interdenominational Theological Center in the Christian Education Class. I was excited about being able to share resource materials available for program development, the reading program, and the program booklet to women and men of other denominations.

I continue to *participate in the global ministries of the church* by seeking support for various mission projects supported by the Women's Division as well as the United Methodist Committee on Relief. The memories of 2003 all point to a year of mission living and mission giving. For these experiences, I am truly grateful and blessed. Thanks are to God for His unspeakable gifts!!!

Kathleen Conrad

Vice President

2003 REPORT FOR MEMBERSHIP NURTURE & OUTREACH COORDINATOR

UMW SUNDAY AND MEMBERSHIP TABLE

TOTAL UNITS	NAME DISTS.	UMW SUN. RPTS.	2002 MBSHP	GN	LS	2003 MBSHP	# NEW UNT	# REO UNT
29	ACAD	17	835	41	38	838	1	0
18	ALEX	15	581	36	31	586	2	1
28	BTRU	16	1076	40	56	1060	1	2
33	L. C.	21	1079	89	80	1088	0	1
24	MNRO	23	901	49	168	782	0	1
37	N. O.	29	1187	106	67	1226	1(D)	10
36	N. S.	26	1002	17	82	937	1	1
21	RSTN	19	515	26	33	508	0	0
38	SHRV	28	1189	49	44	1194	1(D)	0
258	TOTAL	194	8365	453	599	8219	7	16

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOLARSHIPS

Twenty applications were received for the Estelle Dameron Scholarships to the Conference School of Christian Mission for 2003. Two withdrew because of circumstances preventing their attending the School of Christian Mission.Three were inelligible. Fifteen scholarships were awarded, but only eleven were actually used. Ages ranged from teens to over 51 years. Every district had at least one scholarship recipient.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR IN MISSION FOR 2003

Every district had a nominee for Woman of the Year in Mission for 2003. Every nominee is outstanding in her mission work. The Conference UMW Executive Committee voted on the nominees, and one Woman of the Year in Mission has been namet.The Woman of the Year in Mission for 2003 is _____ from _____District.

UNIT TRACKING

Women's Division asked for a one time report telling the name and number of units, the kind of units,and when each unit was organized in each district. Each district Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinatar was asked to send her report to Ressie Mae Bass at Women's Division and to send a copy to the Conference MN&O Coordinator. Eight reports were received by me.

Submitted by Jo Traweek, Louisiana Conference Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2003

The roles of Mission Coordinators for Education and Interpretation are many and varied. I shall use the outline of these roles in the Constitution and Bylaws of our Organization to report my work to you.

1. ***Promote and interpret the work of the General Board of Global Ministries which the Women's Division supports.*** This role has been the foundation of nearly everything I have done in my work with UMW as I imagine it has with yours. Missions is the heart and soul of our organization and whether we are giving studies, presenting programs, checking off Mission Today participation points, giving toward 5 - Star Giving or praying for missionaries in the Prayer Calendar, we are promoting this mission work. I have participated and given studies and programs on James, led a district Spiritual Growth retreat for Monroe District on Spiritual Gifts, given numerous brief reports on "Where the Money Goes" and on the 2003 allocations of our dollars.

2. ***Promote mission education opportunities.*** The mission education certificates report will be included in this report and you will see that this conference has been studying. Our President's and my fingers get happily worn out signing certificates for our local units' participation. Also this year our conference was honored and blessed to have with us a regional missionary visiting from Costa Rica to speak with us at our School of Christian Mission. We will long remember and hopefully pray for and support the work of Nancy Boye as she works with women in Central America and makes it possible for them to network to market their cottage industry products.

3. ***Promote and utilize printed and audiovisual resources of the General Board of Global Ministries to tell the mission story.*** If one of your unit's members is not signed up as a member of the Women's Action Network, be sure to do this now and get that point on your Mission Today sheet. The address is: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ACTION NETWORK

Women's Division - General Board of Global Ministries
100 Maryland Avenue, NE Suite 530 - Washington, D. C. 20002

5. ***Serve on the Conference Board of Global Ministries and work with the conference secretary of global ministries on mission and education and interpretation***. I have attended some of these meetings and hope to be able to be more active this year.

6. ***Promote, with the Executive Committee, the conference Mission Today program; receive reports from the district counterparts regarding units that meet the criteria for being a Mission Today Unit.*** This is the most recent activity in which I have been involved. The results of compiling the reports will be read and certificates distributed during the business session of the Annual Meeting. It is the goal of the Conference that by next year 100% of the units will participate in this effort to recognize the work you are already doing.

7. ***Serve as the contact person for the district Mission Coordinators for Education and Interpretation, provide resources and conduct training at least annually.*** This is one of the highlights of my year, when the nine district "E & I's" come to the Conference Center for District Elected Leaders Training. I do love my ladies. They work for you to keep information in front of you. And I do hope I can give them answers to the questions they have about how to do their job.

8. ***Serve on the following committees: Executive, Program, Finance, Membership, School of Christian Mission.*** Yes, I do make it to most of these and try hard not to cause too much trouble. I consider it an honor and privilege to be part of the workings of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Colvin

Carolyn Colvin
Coordinator for Education and Interpretation

MISSION STUDIES REPORT 2002 - 2003

Acadiana District

Excellence of Studies

1. First, Houma	Mexico	Jesus and Courageous Women
2. Berwick, Mason	James	Restorative Justice
3. First, Lafayette	Mexico	Jesus and Courageous Women

Recognition of Studies

1. Abbeville	James
2. St. Mark, Opelousas	Restorative Justice

Alexandria District

Excellence of Studies

Nolley	Mexico	Restorative Justice

Recognition of Studies

1. Trinity, Alexandria	James
2. Fellowship, Hineston	James
3. First, Pineville	Jesus and Courageous Women

Baton Rouge District

Excellence of Studies

1. Broadmoor, Baton Rouge	James	Mexico
2. First, Plaquemine	James	Mexico
3. Deerford	James	Mexico
4. Francis Asbury, Baton Rouge	James	Mexico
5. Ingleside	James	Mexico
6. First, Gonzales	James	Mexico
7. St. Paul's, Harahan	James	Vietnam

Recognition of Studies

1. St. John's, Baton Rouge	Jesus and Courageous Women
2. Wesley, Baton Rouge	James
3. Blackwater	James
4. Camphor	James
5. St. Peter, Maringouin	Jesus and Courageous Women

Lake Charles District

Excellence of Studies

1. Hornbeck, Prospect	Mexico	Mexico
2. First, Lake Charles	Global Health	Restorative Justice
3. St. Luke, Simpson	James	Restorative Justice
4. University, Lake Charles	James	Restorative Justice
5. Oakdale	James	Mexico
6. DeQuincey	James	Restorative Justice
7. First, Jennings	James	Restorative Justice
8. Mallalieu	James	Restorative Justice
9 Maplewood	James	Restorative Justice
10.Westlake	James	Restorative Justice
11. First, Welsh	James	Mexico

Recognition of Studies

1. Asbury, Clinton	Mexico
2 Squyres UMC, Ragley	James
3. First, Gueydan	Jesus and Courageous Women
4. Henning	Restorative Justice

Monroe District
Excellence of Studies

1. Memorial, Bastrop	James	Restorative Justice
2. Mer Rouge	James	Mexico
3. First, Monroe	James	Restorative Justice
4. Memorial, Monroe	James	Restorative Justice
5. McGuire,West Monroe	Jesus &Courageous Women; Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos	
6. Winnsboro	James	Restorative Justice
7. First, Bastrop	James	Mexico
8. Tallulah	James	Courageous Women
9. Vidalia	Mexico	Restorative Justice

New Orleans District
Excellence of Studies

1. Belle Chasse	James	Restorative Justice
2. First, Kenner	Mexico	Restorative Justice
3. Matthew, New Orleans	Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos	Restorative Justice
4. Cornerstone	Restorative Justice	Mexico
5. First Street, New Orleans	James	Restorative Justice
6. St. Paul's, New Orleans	Vietnam	James
7. Bethany, New Orleans	James	Mexico
8. Carrollton	James	Restorative Justice
9. Hartzell, New Orleans	James	Restorative Justice

Recognition of Studies

1. El Mesias	James
2. Thomas	Restorative Justice
3. Brooks, New Orleans	Restorative Justice
4. Grace, New Orleans	Jesus and Courageous Women
5. Haven, New Orleans	Restorative Justice
6. Thompson	Restorative Justice
7. First, New Orleans	Restorative Justice
8. St Charles, New Orleans	Mexico
9. Mount Zion, New Orleans	Restorative Justice
10.People's, New Orleans	Restorative Justice
11.Rayne, New Orleans	Restorative Justice
12.Williams, New Orleans	Restorative Justice
13.St. Luke's, New Orleans	The Bible Part II
14.Gretna	Restorative Justice
15.First, LaPlace	James
16.First, Algiers	Mexico

North Shore District
Excellence of Studies

1. Wesley Ray	James	Restorative Justice
2. Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial	James	Restorative Justice
3. Fitzgerald	James	Restorative Justice
4. Waldheim (Bush)	James	Restorative Justice
5. First, Slidell	James	Mexico
6. First, Ponchatoula	James	Restorative Justice
7. St.Timothy on the North Shore	James	Restorative Justice
8. Walker	James	Restorative Justice
9. Thirkield	James	Restorative Justice
10. First, Denham Springs	James	Mexico
11. Harry's Chapel	James	Restorative Justice
12. First, Hammond	James	Restorative Justice
13. LaCombe	Jesus and Courageous Women	Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

North Shore District
Excellence of Studies (cont.)

14. Amite	James	Restorative Justice
15. Live Oak/Watson, Angie	James	Restorative Justice
16. Wesley, SLU	James	Restorative Justice
17. Winan	James	Restorative Justice
18. First, Kentwood	James	Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos
19. Newell	James	Restorative Justice
20. Springfield	James	Restorative Justice

Recognition of Studies

Loranger	James

Ruston District
Excellence of Studies

1. First, Arcadia	James	Mexico
2. Farmerville	Jesus and Courageous Women	Mexico
3. Gibsland-Oak Grove	Mexico	Restorative Justice
4. Haynesville	James	Mexico
5. Hodge	Jesus and Courageous Women	Mexico
6. Jonesboro	James	Mexico
7. Homer	James	Mexico
8. First, Minden	Mexico	Restorative Justice
9. Wesley Chapel, Ruston	James	Mexico
10.Springhill	Mexico	Restorative Justice

Recognition of Studies

1. Salem	James
2. Lakeview, Minden	Restorative Justice

Shreveport District
Excellence of Studies

1. Benton	James	Mexico
2. Wesley, Mansfield	Mexico	Restorative Justice
3. Fairfield	Mexico	Restorative Justice
4. First, Shreveport	James	Mexico
5. Noel, Shreveport	James	Restorative Justice
6. St. Luke, Shreveport	James	Global Health
7. St. Paul, Shreveport	Mexico	Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos
8. Ida	Mexico	Restorative Justice
9. Bethel, Logansport	James	Restorative Justice
10.Christ, Shreveport	James	Restorative Justice
11.St. James, Shreveport	Mexico	Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

Recognition of Studies

1. Barksdale	James
2. Fellowship	James
3. Zwolle	James
4. Blanchard	James
5. First, Bossier City	James
6. Summer Grove	Jesus and Courageous Women
7. Plain Dealing	James
8. Pleasant Hill-Pelican	James
9. Broadmoor, Shreveport	James

HISTORIAN REPORT

Janet Ward

I request district newsletters; this is history in the making.
I have received district newsletters from Alexandria, Baton rouge, Monroe, New Orleans and Ruston.

There are UMW Sunday scrapbooks from 6 districts, none from Shreveport or Acadiana.

I need District Annual Meeting programs. I need only 1 copy.

Look in your closets and filing cabinets for letters, pictures, news articles and programs concerning events of this conference to send to me.
Estelle Dameron wrote a study book used one year in the School of Christian Mission. Does anyone have it? Rev. Jon Talllifero told me about it.
Mary Lou Blakeman co-authored the study book *Ecclesiastes*.
I think these books need to be in our archives.

How to Submit Materials:

1. Use smaller scrapbooks for ease in handling.
2. Date and label everything. This a MUST for anyone who submits material.
3. Extra photos may be stored in a photo box; these should be labeled and dated.
4. For preservation use acid-free glue and clear sleeves for scrapbook pages labeled "safe for archives".

Remember to collect items from local newspaper, church newsletters, district newsletters and Louisiana Conference newsletter.

If a local unit does not have a historian, the vice-president could serve in this capacity.

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July 21,2003 Report

The year started off early as the order for the Conference Retreat had to be into the Service Center before Christmas. The order was made and the materials were shipped and received in time to process before the Retreat.

The Retreat was held on February 28-29,2003 at the Conference Center. We had many materials and a good selection of Reading Books displayed. We even made an order using the new program in which you can order a current reading list book and have it sent postage paid to your home. There are several criteria for using this plan--they are:

1. The display should be sold out of the requested book.
2. You must order two books from the current list.
3. You must pay for the books when ordering.
   (this may be done by cash,check,or credit card)

This year I have attended the planning session for the Conference School of Missions and I have participated in a North Shore District Shepherd visit to restart a unit that had dropped out . I have also met with the North Shore District Executive Committee as they worked on plans for this year's events.

June brought Regional SCM held on the campus of Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas. It was a great learning experience. The Plenarys were very meaningful and the spirit of everyone was enriched by the dedication of all participating in the school. Our officer update meeting was especially helpful and I will certainly miss the friendship of this group.

The order for the materials for SCM was sent in before the deadliine, the material has been processed and put on display and now the Resource Rooom is ready for business.

Presidents, please remind your SPRs that their reports are due to me by August 15,2003

REPORTS DUE ON AUGUST 15,2003****REPORTS DUE ON AUGUST 15,2003!!!!

Grace and Peace

Shirley Jacocks

Shirley Jacocks

LA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SOCIAL ACTION REPORT
Jeanne B. Green, Mission Coordinator for Social Action
July 23. 2003

Since our last meeting, I acted on some of the initiatives which I presented in February's meeting: We mailed cards to Michael Eisner of the Disney Corporation and signed and sent petitions concerning Sweatshop and Child Labor Abuses. In late January or early February, I mailed District Social Action Coordinators a packet of information for them to work on. I promised to revise the 20-20 Charter Club form and advised them to continue requesting the old form until a new form is approved by this group. The new form will be used beginning in 2004. I also promised to send them additional strategies for addressing racism, a few of which I have enclosed in the mailing which I have today for District Presidents to give to them. These ideas were taken from an article in ***Response*** by Joyce Sohl. I also promised to send information on holding a legislative event, and I will before or at the time of the UMW Annual Conference Meeting.

I attended the Regional School at Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas. When I met in the Social Action sessions, I requested information on the Charter Club and sponsoring a legislative event. I received numerous suggestions on both from conference Social Action coordinators who have experience in both. As a result, I have made a new form based on our present form, information received from them, information contained in the Charter for Racial Justice, and common sense. I am presenting this new form for your suggestions and/or approval. I will need to have the new form ready in a timely fashion so that new and continuing Social Action coordinators may distribute them at their District meetings in October and November. I am presently working on some suggestions for a legislative event which will be shared with you for your approval at our September meeting.

The packets which I have today will be distributed to District Presidents to give to Social Action Coordinators. I sent a postcard to each one letting them know that the packet is available and with their District President. I also encouraged them to continue collecting 20-20 report forms even though the date for receipt has passed. (I have received 13 so far, representing 3 districts.) The packets contain some information sent by Social Action leaders in the Women's Division, as well as the same sample letter we are presenting for writing here at the School of Missions. It also contains the explanation for the action. Thus, letter writing can be done at District Schools. I requested that letters be collected and sent as one package.(which was done at Regional School and will be done here) The packer includes pamphlets on contacting members of congress, contacting state legislators and influencing representatives, as well as some of the materials I ordered that will appear on the Social Action table. The letter which participants will be asked to write this week is to President Bush, asking him to send a report to the Senate for ratification. The report, entitled ***The United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons,*** is important because millions of women and children, here in the United States or abroad, are abducted, coerced, or forced each year into domestic or field slavery, or sexual exploitation. As UMW women dedicated to uplift the plight of women and children, we must be concerned. If the report gets to the Senate, maybe some action will result.

I very recently received a letter from Susie Johnson, Women's Division Office of Public Policy, stating their desire to work more closely with District Coordinators. She requested their names and addresses, which I have already sent. She would also like copies of our 2003 conference and district newsletters to date.

Recommendations for a Celebration of the 135th Anniversary of United Methodist Women

Theme: **"United Methodist Women: A Century+ in Mission" (1869-2004)**

PURPOSE:

To commemorate and celebrate the many contributions United Methodist Women and predecessor women's missionary organizations have made in the life of the church and society for more than a century; and to renew commitment to our continuing ministries with women, children and youth.

GOALS:

1. 135th Anniversary Celebration held in every local/district unit using resources developed for the celebration.

2. 135th Anniversary Celebration observed in each district and conference annual meeting in 2004; in the Annual Meeting of the Women's Division in 2004.

3. Special anniversary offering of $1.35 per member be established.

4. 30% increase in subscriptions to *Response* magazine.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES:

<u>For Local/District Units</u>

- Contribute $1.35 per member to the 135th Anniversary Offering.

- Encourage local/district units to research and publish their own histories, or add dates from their history to the United Methodist Women's history time line. Have them consider creating exhibits, displays or a birthday scrapbook to illustrate and interpret the work of United Methodist Women in their church.
- Encourage local/district units to hold a service of celebration in the local unit and/ or church. A special worship service will be developed and made available to each unit. The special anniversary offering will be taken as part of the service.

- Encourage local/district units to honor a special woman with the new double diamond mission recognition pin.

- Encourage local/district units to order and use one Gift to Mission Birthday card to

celebrate the 135th Anniversary of UMW. Also encourage them to send the new cards to celebrate birthdays of women in the unit, local church, and missionary personnel listed in the Prayer Calendar. Use other Gift to Mission cards to recognize the special contributions of young women in the unit.

- Encourage local/district units to initiate a "Woman of the Month" program and highlight women in the unit who have made significant contributions to the organization, church, and/or community.

- Suggest that local/district units write press releases and notify local press about the anniversary celebration and high light their group's long and lively mission .

- Encourage each unit to increase the number of Response subscriptions by at least one (1) during the year.

For District and Conference Organizations.

- Plan a 135th Anniversary Celebration for the 2004 Annual Meeting.

- Encourage districts and conferences to honor a special woman with the new double diamond mission recognition pin.

- Promote the 135th Anniversary Celebration in district and conference newsletters and on their web sites, were appropriate.

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LA CONFERENCE UMW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

JANUARY NEWSLETTER (Deadline December 3)

Article/News	Who's Responsible
1. President's Message Conference Calendar	Conference President
2. Programs Conference Goals & Objectives Attained Annual Meeting Reflections	Conference Vice-President
3. Money Matters Where the money goes Status of giving / Quarterly reports	Conference Treasurer
4. New, Returning and Retiring Officers - Brief Bios and Pictures	Conference Nominating Committee Chairperson
5. UMW Sunday Announcement	Conference Membership Nurture & Outreach
6. Reading Program	Conference Secretary of Program Resource
7. Officer Update Mission Projects Awards Program Deadline Dates	Conference Mission Coordinators
8. Call to Prayer and Self Denial	
9. School of Mission Announcement	Dean
10. Mission Around the State (At least one mission project or program)	District Presidents
11. Retreat Information When, Where, Theme Participants - Bios and pictures Program at-a-glance Directions, etc. Registration and Housing information	Retreat Chairpersons Conference Treasurer

News can be in the form of an article, classified, special note, announcement, trivia, , etc.

Send news, articles, announcements, etc. to Brenda Canty by snail mail or e-mail:
3509 North 38th St. or missbjc@worldnet.att.net

MAY NEWSLETTER (Deadline April 1)

Article/News	Who's Responsible
School of Mission Message from Dean and Asst. Dean with theme, dates, pictures Learning Centers Information Fun Night Information Schedule Study Leaders Bios and Pictures School Committee Registration / Housing Textbooks School Scholarship Information	Dean Treasurer/Business Manager Secretary of Program Resources Membership Coordinator
Mission Education Event Dates Mission Studies Report Deadline	E&I
Mission Projects during SCM	Vice President
President's Message	President

AUGUST NEWSLETTER (Deadline July 1)

Annual UMW Meeting Message from chairpersons with bios and pictures Program at-a-glance Highlights and focus Housing information and directions Program participants with bios and pictures Registration Mission Candle information Mission Ribbon information Special Offering	Chairpersons Conference Treasurer " " "
World Thank Offering information	Conference Treasurer
President's Message	Conference President
Slate of Conference Officers	Nominations Committee Chairperson
Conference Standing Rules - changes	Standing Rules Committee Chairperson
Districts Annual Meeting Dates	
DELT Announcement	DELT Chairpersons

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE - UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MIDYEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2003
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE CENTER

ATTENDANCE: Those present were:

Lueburda Myers	Kathleen Conrad	Frances Patton	Jeanette McCalman
Betty Carlin	Jeanne Green	Carolyn Colvin	Jo Traweek
Gladys Prillerman	Lana Lathan	Annette Fortuna	Stephenae Carey
Shirley Jacocks	Janet Ward	Evelyn Martin	Brenda Canty
Muriel Miller	Juanita Lagard	Mary Ann Monk	Fannie Reddix
Tillie Shows	Kitty DeFreese	Sandy DeCelle	

Absent Members were: Pat Cobb and Sandra Darby

CALL TO ORDER: The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women was called to order by President Lueburda Myers at 7:00 p.m. February 27, 2003.

MEDITATION: The meditation was presented by Tillie Shows, president of North Shore District.

MINUTES: Jeanne Green and Mary Ann Monk were appointed to review the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: President Lueburda Myers presented information from Women's Division. January 03, 2003 was the date for the fund raising issue of *RENEW*, and United Methodist Women are urged to be on guard about this publication. United Methodist Women are asked to keep in mind that the representatives who vote for delegates to General Conference are delegates in agreement with the United Methodist Women's principles. Joyce Sohl urged Conference Presidents to renew plans to challenge United Methodist Women at General Conference. District Leadership Training's date is October 22-24, 2004. The group will need access to airports and housing for approximately 215 people. A place has not yet been selected. Lueburda offered the Louisiana Conference Center as a possible site. Christmas cards from Women's Division have been used by several districts.
A note of thanks from Janet Hoffpauir was received for the gift in memory from United Methodist women for her husband. Evelyn Martin sent a note of appreciation for expressions of sympathy by United Methodist Women after her husband's death. A note of thanks from Evelyn Evans to Jeanette McCalman was sent in appreciation for the great job Jeanette does as treasurer.

REPORTS:

President: Lueburda Myers has attended many meetings: The Bishop's Task Force, Convocation of Boards, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Conference Center Scheduling Summit, Board Meeting of Ruston's Children's Home, Long Range Planning Committee Meeting of Ruston's Children's Home, School of Mission Planning Meeting, 2003 Annual Meeting Planning, and Shreveport District Leadership Training. She will be attending the Women's Division Board Meeting in October. In December she traveled to Washington, DC to receive the Central Region National Volunteer of the Year Award by Reading Is Fundamental. The Reading is Fundamental sponsored a local reception in Shreveport in her honor. Lueburda was the speaker for Shreveport District Annual Meeting and was also the speaker for UMW Sunday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. She took care of the other responsibilities as president including correspondence, planning, and setting agendas.
Listed below are the dates Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women would like to reserve at the Conference Center.

Year 2003
February 27-Midyear Executive Meeting
February 28-March 1-Retreat
March 29--Committee Meetings
July 23-26--School of Christian Mission
October 18-DELT

Year 2004
January 30-31-Midyear Executive Meeting
March 20-Committee Meetings
July 21-24--School of Christian Mission
October 9--DELT

Year 2005
February 17--Midyear Executive Meeting
February 18-19-Retreat
March 26-Finance, Membership & Nominations committee Meetings
July 20-23-School of Christian Mission
October 8-DELT

One Conference officer and one District officer are needed to represent the Louisiana Conference at the National Seminar to be held in Nashville on August 2-8. 2003. The names submitted are: Jo Traweek, Monroe district, Conference officer and Robin Owens, New Orleans district, district officer.
The Jurisdiction Core Planning Group president has requested 3 nominees from each conference from which they will select 6 representatives to National Seminar. The nominees submitted by the nominating committee are: Doris Henderson, Erica Jo Washington, and Joan Miller.
Vice President: Kathleen Conrad was the keynote speaker at Acadiana District Annual Meeting and witnessed the chartering of a new local unit. Kathleen has been trained as the Chair of Nominations for the West Gulf Region. She was privileged to meet the co-author of the Exodus text. November 14-17 she was one of five conference vice-presidents to attend the North America Seminar of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women at the Simsonwood Retreat Center in Norcross, Georgia. The seminar was titled "Go in Faith and Share God's Healing Grace". It was spiritually uplifting and educational. A regional event involving the states of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana will be held April 11-13, 2003 at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, Ms.
Assignments for Louisiana School of Christian Mission were as follows:
Plenary Chairs: Mexico-Jo Traweek; Interfaith-Lueburda Myers; Exodus-Jeanne Green; Closing-Brenda Canty.
Regional School Assignments:
Meditation Room: Focus: Creating Interfaith Community, Shreveport District, Shirley Ledbetter;
Meditation for the Meditation Book: Betty Carlin-submitted February, 2003. Learning Center Display: Focus: Exodus-Baton Rouge -Lana Lathan-Brenda will bring to Regional School; Table Graces for June 22: Focus: Creating Interfaith Community (75 needed)-New Orleans Teen Unit will provide these. Kathleen spoke at 3 UMW Sunday observances. The following persons have been volunteered to participate in the West Gulf Regional School in Baldwin, Kansas at Baker College June 21-24, 2003:
Exodus Plenary: Chair person: Myrtis Parker
Narrator: Lueburda Myers; Liturgical Dancers: Annette Fortuna & Rev Erica Jenkins;
John Wesley: Dave Fortuna: Princess: Brenda Canty; Communion Server: Betty Carlin.
Interfaith Plenary: Marsha Usner
Voice and Banner Carrier: Shirley Jacocks
Closing Plenary: Judy Mattox
Judaism speaker: Jo Traweek
Class Secretaries: Interfaith: Frances Patton; Exodus: Jeanne Green
June 23 will be the day to wear I D shirts, the green state shirts.
Treasurer: Jeanette McCalman reported that the Louisiana Conference did meet its pledge to mission of $245,000.00. She distributed the current reports through January 31, 2003, which are filed with these minutes.
Conference School of Christian Mission: Annette Fortuna, Dean, reported that the theme for 2003 School is: Crossing Boundaries-Journey in Hope. The three studies are Exodus: An African-American Methodist Journey; Creating Interfaith Community, and Mexico. Instructors for the school will be: Exodus- Rev. Clifton Conrad; Interfaith: Rev. John Johns, Rev. Gregory Neal, Bernadine Johnson, Mary Lou Blakeman, Rev. Erica Jenkins, Rev. Dave Fortuna; Mexico-Gloria Bennett, Delores Garcia; Youth- Linda Joseph, Debra Peplow; Song Leader and Pianist-Jackie Pennington.
Retreat: Betty Carlin and Sandy DeCelle presented the Program for the Retreat and the Retreat Leader, Sue Johnson was expected soon. Registration is to start at 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 Noon. At 1:00 p.m. the gathering and program will begin. The retreat will close after lunch Saturday. The Theme of the Retreat is "Sing a New song".
Annual Meeting Task Force: Gladys Prillerman, chairperson, reported the Task Force Committee for Annual Meeting met at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Saturday January 18, 2003. The place of Annual Meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, September 19-20, 2003. The headquarters will be at the Sheraton Hotel of Shreveport located at 1419 East 70th Street (located right off Youree Drive which runs in to downtown Texas Street). Room rates are $79.00-single; $88.00 double; $98.00 triple room (three persons, two double beds:; $108.00 quad room (four persons, two double beds) plus tax. The Sheraton will be the site of the Banquet on Friday at a cost of $20.00. The menu will be chicken breast, green salad, rice pilaf, a fresh vegetable, key lime pie with tea and coffee. St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Youree Drive will host the Executive Committee dinner. The committee members will be given an opportunity to walk on the permanent Labyrinth prior to the meal. Sandwiches and cookies will be served for lunch on Friday and Saturday in the church Fellowship Hall.

A continental breakfast will be served on Saturday morning. The post-executive meeting will be held in Room 101, adjacent to the Fellowship Hall and the members will be served the same lunch as everyone else. The theme will be "Peace" taken from the Scripture Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers.". The theme songs will be #437-"This is My Song" and #431-"Let There Be Peace on Earth", to be sung at the close of each session. "Peace Poles" as presented on page 10 of November, 2002 *Response* magazine will be used in the processional to open the meeting. A person carrying one large pole leads the processional. Peace pole has six sides-Six district presidents bring in panels to hang on Peace pole with "peace" written in six different languages. Other district presidents and executive officers bring in olive branches, doves of peace, lilies and other symbols of peace. The Mission Ribbon will be sky blue with dark blue printing. The theme will be "peace" with the logo of a dove. Tommie Simmons will do the artwork for the logo and ribbons. Joyce Sohl will be the speaker; Bishop Hutchinson will do the Communion Meditation and Communion Service. Dr. Pat Day and Dr. William Peeples will assist with the Communion Service. Kay Hutchinson will be the song leader. Jeanette McCalman will do the Pledge Service and the lighting of the candle. Shirley Hoffpauir will give a brief history of the Mission Candle. Sandra Darby will bring greetings from South Central Jurisdiction.. Janelle McCammon will honor the retiring officers and Doris Henderson will install new officers. Elizabeth Porter will bring greetings from Church Women United. Mission representatives will speak five minutes each and bring a display.

Discussion: Contributions to the four Louisiana Mission projects, Dulac, St. Mark's, MacDonnell's and Sager-Brown was discussed. Kathleen Conrad suggested that each project needed school supplies. MacDonnell's could bring sample cards and order blanks to order, since the cards may not be sold at the meeting. Dulac needs children's books about Native Americans.

Motion: Carolyn Colvin made the motion that we bring school supplies and divide them among the projects. Fannie Reddix seconded the motion which passed. President Lueburda Myers asked that each District President be aware of the situation at Dulac.

DELT: Lana Lathan presented the report for Jan Rose. Due to the excellent weather, attendance was good, with 80 women and all 9 districts represented. The evaluations of the event were very good at 96%.

MISSION COORDINATORS:

Spiritual Growth: Betty Carlin suggested that each member read "Understanding the U.S.-Iraqi Situation".

Social Action: Jeanne Green attended Leadership Training Event in St. Louis, Mo. The author of *Concepts of Mission*, Glory Dharmaraj conducted the training along with Sue Johnson on public policy, Andris Salter, environmental justice, and Marilyn Clement, economic justice. It was wonderful for her to participate in discussions and get a better focus of the organization of Women's Division. The focus on the entire leadership training was that social action is mission and has a biblical basis. The training also emphasized the inability to address all of the many needs, and advised that only a few issues be tackled and work at making root changes.

The plans which she presented as her emphases for the next two years are:

1. Encouragement of a Legislative Event in each district to inform members of events and legislation affecting women, your and children nationally, statewide, and locally. Districts will be responsible for this event.
2. Support of schools. Members will be asked to monitor school boards, volunteer at school and take an active interest in educational issues.
3. Promotion of membership in the 20-20 Charter Club. Social Action coordinators are asked to submit the present form and to make sure the Social Action sections on Mission Today are completed and reported as directed.
4. Promotion of Grace Camp. Volunteering for and giving gifts to Grace Camp will be encouraged. Grace Camp provides camping opportunities for children whose parents are incarcerated. Grace Camp will have more than one session each year.
5. Promote reduction of racism.

Motion: Kathleen Conrad made the motion to adopt the issues advanced by Jeanne Green, Social Action Coordinator for the purpose of submission to Glory Dharmaraj and for action in the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women. Gladys Prillerman seconded the motion which passed.

Education and Interpretation: Carolyn Colvin explained the two main thrusts of the office of Education and Interpretation: to work with the treasurer to interpret Undesignated Giving and to expand concepts of mission through promotion of mission studies and Mission Today units. She called attention to the January issue of *Response* in which the summary of how the money given in the previous year to the year just ended will be spent. A much more thorough report is published by Women's Division. It is the Women's Division 2003 Mission Opportunities Appropriations booklet. Louisiana Conference in the past received more money back from Women's Division for its projects than was given in Undesignated Giving and other gifts. This is no longer the case. In 2002,

Louisiana's Pledge to Mission was over $240,000 and the receipts for the mission projects this year total $115,440. Carolyn also notifies each District President the topic for her district's display for the School of Christian Mission.
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach: Jo Traweek led the training for the District Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinators on October 12, 2002. Jo has received notification of new and reorganized units from five districts: Alexandria District: Reorganized circle of Nolley UMC, the Salt and Light Circle, January, 2003; New unit at Glenmora, November, 2002 Baton Rouge District: Reorganized unit at Lutcher Chapel UMC, May 5, 2002; Reorganized unit at Hartzell UMC, September, 2002 New Orleans: Reorganized unit at Williams UMC; Reorganized unit at Thompson UMC, June 16,2002; Reorganized unit at Shaw Temple, September 29, 2002; Reorganized unit at Rayne Memorial UMC, November 12, 2002 North Shore: New unit organized at Harry's Chapel UMC, April, 2002 Shreveport: New District Unit at Centenary College, September, 2002; New District Teen/College unit at Centenary College, December, 2002. Jo urged each unit to send in their UMW Sunday Report.
Leadership Training Event: Two officers attended the event, Jeanne Green and Stephenae Carey. Jeanne included her report with her Social Action Report. Stephenae, as Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, attended a workshop led by Ann Needham and Brenda Brown. "Term and Tenure" were defined and information was given on "Working Procedures" and "How to Recruit Leadership". It was a weekend that provided an enormous amount of information which focused on inclusiveness, multiculturalism and elimination of racism and their connection to the work of the Committee on Nominations.
Program Resources: Shirley Jacocks informed the committee that consignment orders for conference events now have to be in the Service Center at least eight weeks prior to the event. It is difficult to make the right choices that far ahead. Shirley attended two district-wide studies; a study on James at the Loranger Church and a study on Restorative Justice, which she helped plan, at the Hammond Church. The new year brings some changes from the Service Center that will affect orders for the Reading Program books. North Shore is starting a Children's Reading Program. She will give more information on this in July. The new procedure for ordering the Reading Books will be for her to showcase one of each title and the purchaser will make a prepaid order for the book or books they desire. The order will be shipped to the buyer with no shipping or handling charges added. This offer is for Reading Books only and must be done at an event such as School of Christian Mission, Annual Meeting, DELT, or Retreat. Shirley expects to learn more at Regional School, but is prepared to take orders at that event if needed. The Reading Program for Conference Officers is not working as well as she would like. If you have received the book, sign your name under the Title on the sheet passed out; indicate if you read the book, or passed it on unread. If you have one or more books, let Shirley know. If you have suggestions, please send your ideas to her by mail, phone, or E-mail. Orders for any material needed for local, district or conference must be placed by mid-May and the list needs to get to Shirley by May 10.
Historian: Janet Ward requested District Newsletters, because the newsletters are history in the making. Not all districts turn in United Methodist Sunday scrapbooks. Janet also requested District Annual Meeting Programs. She asked that if anyone has letters, pictures, news articles, or programs concerning events in the Louisiana Conference to please send them to her. Estelle Dameron wrote a study book used one year in the School of Christian Mission. Mary Lou Blakeman co-wrote the study book on Ecclesiastes. Janet would like to have these books in the United Methodist Women's archives. Some suggestions for scrapbooks are: Use smaller books for ease in handling; Date and label everything, a must for any submitted material; For preservation use acid-free glue and clear sleeves for scrapbook pages and label "safe for archives". If a local unit does not have a historian, the vice-president could serve in this capacity.
Standing Rules & Guidelines: Evelyn Martin had no standing rules or guidelines that needed approval, but did address the rule concerning First Aid and Nurse. The Conference owns a First Aid box that may be used. No medicines may be dispensed. The Conference Treasurer must accompany any person who must visit a hospital or clinic. Insurance forms must be completed and signed by the conference treasurer. In the event of an accident going to or from the meeting, the conference treasurer must be notified within three weeks.
Communication Coordinator: Brenda Canty informed the committee about labels and news events that needed to be sent to her. She handed out two forms, one showing who is responsible for reporting each event and another called Story Fact Sheet to provide correct information about an event: Who? What? Why? and How?
Retreat Leader: Sue Johnson gave a short preview of the Training Session planned for Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. She said the emphasis would be Creative Thinking.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Ruston: Kitty DeFreese reported the Ruston District has worked diligently to complete items in the Mission Today plan. In 2001 Ruston had 6 units with gold and silver stars. In 2002 the number increased to 13.
The Ruston District met its pledge to mission of $27,500 in addition to monies used for local needs.
Norma Winegeart was the speaker for Annual Meeting hosted by Arcadia United Methodist Women. Hessie Watson was recognized as District Woman in Mission for 2002.
District Officers presented songs and a skit outlining their duties.

Monroe: Sandy DeCelle reported that one of the high points for the Monroe District was the organizational meeting of a unit at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Sterlington.
All district officers except for two attended DELT.
Norma Winegeart and Elouise Sanders were guests at Annual Meeting at Bastrop Memorial Church on November 2. Norma gave an interesting review of the history of United Methodist Women in the Monroe District. Elouise presided at the installation of officers. This was the first year to combine the two meetings of Annual Meeting and LELT in one day. On February 15, Mary Lou Blakeman taught a district-wide study on Restorative Justice at McGuire Church in West Monroe. United Methodist Women are trying to generate interest in a unit on the campus of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Shreveport: Gladys Prillerman reported much work has been done in preparing for Annual Meeting to be held at First Church, Shreveport in September. The Task Force met January 18th to outline the program and attend to matters relating to Annual Meeting. The program participants will be Joyce Sohl, Executive Secretary of Women's Division, Bishop Hutchinson, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Centenary Choir. The Centenary College District Unit is progressing well. Fifteen young ladies meet monthly for their unit meeting. Three circles were formed.
The Shreveport District Annual Meeting was held at Broadmoor Church. President Lueburda Myers was the speaker. 104 were present, representing 25 churches. LELT was held at Mangum Church with 100 in attendance representing 27 churches. The district team held its December Covered Dish meeting at Benton Church where plans for the new year were made. Emphasis will continue to be placed on organizing and reactivating units. The Annual Spring Retreat will be at Noel Church using "Peace" as the theme

New Orleans: Fannie Reddix, with some information provided by former president Jeanne Green, reported a successful Mini School of Christian Mission at Covenant Church with 100 attending. District Annual Meeting and LELT was held in October, 2002 at Aurora Church in Algiers with 110 in attendance. Certificates of accomplishments were awarded to the units that had reorganized. There was a Service of Re-organization in which the units at Thompson, Cornerstone, Williams, Haven and Shaw participated and received certificates. Destrahan and Rayne have also received their Certificates of Re-organization. A December Prayer Brunch held at Dillard University with 130 paid persons allowed United Methodist Women to give $1,000 for work at Tulane. The Brunch was an occasion to meet with teens and college students. Fourteen young people expressed a desire to form a unit. The organizational meeting was held on January 19, 2003; officers were elected, a tentative program of activities was adopted and the Service of Organization was held. Delores Giles is the sponsor with President Fannie Reddix, Carolyn Bowers, Jeanne Green and other persons agreeing to be members of an advisory committee to assist her. Dr. Corey Sparks presented an exciting District-wide study on Restorative Justice February 8, 2003 at Brooks Church. More than 100 women and 3 pastors representing 22 churches attended.

North Shore: Tillie Shows reported that the first District meeting was held on December 12, where goals for 2003 were set: (1) The district will support and work toward the goals set forth by the Louisiana Conference; (2) Shepherds will contact each of their assigned units at least one time each quarter by mail, phone or email, in order to target units that need to be visited; (3) Encourage units to support and be involved in the youth programs of the church; (4) Develop a District Children's Reading Program. A committee of three has been appointed to develop the Children's Reading Program. A rough draft was presented to the District Executive Committee at the February 1 meeting and was approved. This program will be presented to the units in the May Newsletter. The district met its goal last year and all 36 units were visited. A district-wide study of James was led by Annette Fortuna at Loranger Church on January 18 with 93 in attendance representing 22 units. Mary Lou Blakeman led the second district-wide study on Restorative Justice at Hammond Church on February 1 with 55 in attendance representing18 units. The district is encouraging co-hosting for Annual Meeting and LELT, since both are on the same day and attendance is greater than when the events are held separately. A Mission Trip to Dulac has been set for May 3rd. The Community Center at Dulac lost the 3 bottom shelves of their library due to flooding. It is the district's goal to replace these books. They are in need of children's books and books about Native Americans. MacDonnell's

Children's Home will be visited on the return trip. A new President and Secretary/Treasurer has been secured for the Wesley Southeastern University Unit. The Springfield Unit has regrouped with a new president and has involved two other smaller churches, Maurepas and Huff Chapel, in their meetings. Lacombe Unit will celebrate 50 years as a UMW unit and will dissolve their unit due to no growth and an aged population.

Lake Charles: Mary Ann Monk, new president of Lake Charles District reported that the District Mini School of Christian Mission was held at Squyres United Methodist Church in Ragley on August 25, 2002 with very good attendance and unit representation. The District Team continued its program of local unit visitation. The district Annual Meeting was held October 26, 2002 at Gueydan United Methodist church. Kathleen Conrad, the speaker was enthusiastically received for her inspiring message. The LELT session was held following lunch, the installation of new officers and honoring outgoing officers. The new District Team met January 21, 2003 to plan for the coming year. The treasurer reported that the district fell short of their pledge. All officers submitted articles for the district newsletter to be mailed February 13. District Quiet Day will be held at Uskichitto Retreat Center. The treasurer's records have been audited. UMW Sunday reports have been received.

Acadiana: Juanita Lagard reported that the District Annual meeting/Local Elected Leaders Training was held on November 2, 2002 at Sager Brown in Baldwin. The speaker was Louisiana Conference Vice President Kathleen Conrad. Units were recognized for their accomplishments. Sharon Coleman, retiring Nominations Chairperson was presented with a Special Recognition Pin. Darla Bergeron of First United Methodist Church, Houma was recognized as Acadiana District's "Woman in Mission". The highlight of the day was chartering the St. Paul/St. James Unit. They have ten members. The evaluations of the Local Elected Leaders Training were very positive. On December 7, the executive committee met, planned the year's activities and set goals for 2003. Upon review of the five goals set in 2002, the district met three: (1) Increase membership; (2)Organize new units; (3) Increase attendance at district meetings. Since these goals are ongoing they will be included in the goals for 2003. A District-wide study on Restorative Justice will be held on March 22, 2003 at Sager Brown, led by Rev. John Johns. Acadiana District, individually and collectively, is committed to support the mission program of United Methodist Women.

Alexandria: Muriel Miller reported the Alexandria District had a very busy year, especially hosting Annual Meeting at Pineville United Methodist Church. A total of 456 attended and the evaluations were positive with most of the program receiving high praise. District Annual Meeting was held at David Haas United Methodist Church in Bunkie on October 12. The theme was "Sing a New Song" and Rev. Elizabeth Northern was the speaker. The District attendance banner, designed by Gloria Lee was presented to the unit at Bunkie. Following a noon meal, a Mini School of Christian Mission was conducted by the presenters: Mexico-Nancy Youngblood; Restorative Justice-Rev John Johns; James-Rev. Robert Miller. The Pineville United Methodist Women Unit is in the process of organizing a new unit at Louisiana College. The District Executive Committee plans to contact students at Alexandria LSUA. A new unit at Glenmora will be given its charter on March 11 at a celebration. A 2-day Mission work trip to Dulac is being planned for May 16. UMW Sunday was celebrated in most churches as well as Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

Baton Rouge: Lana Lathan reported celebrations with Hartzell United Methodist Church women for the re-organization of their UMW unit. Visits are scheduled with two other churches: Moses Chapel in Zachary and Wesley in Wilson. For 2002, the certificates of re-organization have been filed for the Hartzell United Methodist women of Rosedale and the Lutcher Chapel United Methodist Women of Lutcher with the office of Ressie M. Bass, Executive Secretary for Membership, with the Service Center Director, and with Jo Traweek, the Conference Co-ordinator for Membership, Nurture and Outreach. Baton Rouge District's Co-secretary of Program Resources, Shirley Lloyd has been elected as President of Church Women United of Baton Rouge. In district newsletters, Church Women United events will be included in the calendar. The emphases of teens, university and newly retired women continued to be before the membership of the district during District Annual Meeting and LELT. Spiritual Day Apart is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2003. The focus will be health, safety and spirituality. The aim is to include young ladies from both campuses in Baton Rouge as participants and attendees. The district treasurer reports the district is in good standing financially. UMW Sunday reports are coming in. One unique celebration was a Jazz Brunch, sponsored by Wesley UMW in Baton Rouge. President Lueburda Myers thanked each officer for their diligence and work being done in the Louisiana Conference. She thanked Tillie Shows for the Worship Center, which added much to the worshipfulness of the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Patton
Frances Patton, Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 23, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: President Lueburda Myers called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Louisiana United Methodist Conference Center in Woodworth, La.

ATTENDANCE:

Lueburda Myers	Kathleen Conrad	Frances Patton	Jeanette McCalman
Betty Carlin	Carolyn Colvin	Jo Traweek	Jeanne Green
Shirley Jacocks	Brenda Canty	Evelyn Martin	Staphenae Carey
Nell Hayes	La Janice Londro	Cheryl Milburn	Janet Ward
Pat Cobb	Gladys Prillerman	Juanita Lagard	Sandy DeCelle
Muriel Miller	Fannie Reddix	Tillie Shows	Mary Ann Monk
Kitty Defreese			

Absent: Lana Lathan, Sandra Darby

OPENING: President Lueburda Myers opened the meeting with a candy quiz game.

DEVOTIONAL: Sandy DeCelle presented an inspiring devotional about how God speaks.
God speaks to us through prayer, scripture, experience and the church.

CONCERNS: Several concerns and expressions of gratitude were shared with the group:
Tillie Shows was thankful for freedom from cancer. Betty Carlin's husband is now in Rehabilitation. There has been a recent death and serious illness in Carolyn Colvin's family. Evelyn Martin's grandmother has been free from cancer for six years. Jeanette McCalman's husband has been healed of cancer. Lueburda Myers asked for prayer for her two brothers Herbert and Joe who live in New Orleans. Cheryl Milburn asked for prayer for her pastor Rev. Russell Jones.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Lueburda designated Evelyn Martin and Staphenae Carey to review the minutes of this meeting. There was one correction of the previous minutes. Fannie Reddix gave the New Orleans District report and not Jeanne Green as had been stated.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ten applications of registration for Jurisdiction meeting April 12-14,2004 were made available, one for each district president. Joyce Sohl provided guidelines of hospitality for invited guests, which were distributed to each member of the group. Concerning nominations, Joyce Sohl said that anyone holding office or a member of the nominating committee may be elected to another office. The president is responsible for the officers, once officers are elected; committee on nominations is not responsible for elected leaders. Names of three women and one alternate for jurisdiction must be submitted to be elected at Annual Meeting. Pat Cobb has been nominated for jurisdiction president. Jo Traweek, Conference Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator and Doris Henderson of Shreveport District were chosen to attend the National Training August 7-8, 2003. There was some discussion about giving a pin at Annual Meeting. The consensus was that it will not be done this year. Joyce Sohl was the trainer for presidents at Regional School, finishing in one day and allowing a free day. She is looking forward to speaking in Shreveport at Annual Meeting.

REPORTS: (The original reports are attached to the minutes in a permanent file.)

President: Lueburda Myers has been praying for God's guidance in her own life as well as lifting up prayers for each member of the Mission Team for Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. She was elected to be a delegate to 2004 General Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. She attended meetings and handled correspondence pertaining to her position. She attended West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission in Baldwin, Kansas. She worked with Vacation Bible School. Lueburda also tutored elementary school children and sponsored Academic Recognition.

Vice-president: Kathleen Conrad worked with the Planning Team for West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission in which she served as Chairperson on Nominations, site committee and hospitality committee. She attended Annual Conference as a delegate and member of the committee to study re-districting. She participated in the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission.

She presented the Goals for 2004:

I. As a community of Women in the year 2004 our goal is to increase membership in the Louisiana Conference by seeking to charter new units in churches where units do not exist. Create more district units, and increase the membership in existing units by creating teen, college/university age and newly retired circles.

II In the year 2004 or goal will be to encourage children, youth and women to **know God,** by:

A. Promoting Conference, District and local unit mission studies as outlined by the Women's Division.

B. Promote and incorporate the use of the Prayer Calendar.

III. In order to develop a **creative, supportive fellowship** in2004, our goal well be to:

A. Continue to promote and celebrate the observance of United Methodist Women Sunday, January 24, 2004 or an alternate date throughout the Conference in every local unit.

B. Acknowledge, promote and celebrate the 135th anniversary of United Methodist Women in all districts and local units.

C. Invite a representative of the United Methodist Committee on Relief in Baldwin, La. at Sager Brown present a report at the 2004 Annual Meeting and that the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women select items from the current Material Resources for Mission Catalog to be collected and presented at the Louisiana United Methodist Women 2004 Annual Meeting.

IV. In the year 2004 we will **expand concepts in mission** by:

A. Encouraging district and local units to include and promote the use of the 2004 Program Book, *Response*, and the Prayer Calendar in program planning.

B. Promote and assist each unit to become a Mission Today unit.

C. Participate and assist with the interpretation and implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice.

D. Increase the number of participants in the Reading Program by 5%.

E. Participate and support the programming of Church Women United and World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women.

V. In the year 2004, our goal will be to continue to **participate in the Global Ministries of the Church** by paying our pledge in full and support the Mission Candle and Mission Ribbons.

Treasurer: Jeanette McCalman distributed the Financial Statement and the Balance sheet through June30, 2003. Also distributed were the Retreat Report from February and the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2002..

New information from Women's Division:

1. In the future, a copy of the bank statement will be given to the Conference President by the Conference Treasurer. This is done in compliance with the Bonding company's requirements to continue bonding United Methodist Women's officers.

2. The Conference President and Conference Secretary will no longer be allowed to sign their own vouchers. These will be signed by the Vice-president.

3. All District Treasurers will furnish a copy of their district bank statement to the Conference Treasurer along with a copy of their posting of the books for the same period. This is a requirement of the Bonding company.

4. Districts should follow the same guidelines as the conference regarding the signing of vouchers by the president and secretary.

5. A new Special Mission Recognition Pin has been made available with 2 diamonds in it which will cost $2,000.00.

6. In 2004 there will be a special program with emphasis on 135 years in Mission from 1869 to 2004 by United Methodist Women. Along with special programs and celebrations, each woman will be encouraged to give $1.35 as a special offering for Undesignated Giving.

7. All the cards have been changed and are more attractive. The new Christmas gift to mission cards are available for $5.00 each from the District Treasurers as well as other cards. The old cards still on hand may be sold at $2.50 each.

A tentative copy of the 2004 budget is included with this report. It will be submitted later for approval.

School of Christian Mission: Annette Fortuna reported that everything is set to have a great school.

District Elected Leaders Training: Lana Lathan was not able to attend, but sent her written report. The date of DELT will be October18, 2004 at the Conference Center in Woodworth. The theme for the event is "Leadership With a Jazzy New Ring". Refreshments will be served in the Main Lobby from 9:00AM to 9:25AM. Opening worship will be held in the chapel. Classes will start at 10:00AM ; registration will be done in the classroom and classes will end at 12:00 Noon. Lunch will be served. Registration forms were distributed to each district and must be returned to Lana by October 10, 2003. Conference Officers were asked to contact their District Officer counterparts and encourage them to attend. District Presidents and District Chairpersons of Nominations were asked to finalize their slate of officers and send the information to Lana Lathan by October 10, 2003

Annual Meeting: Gladys Prillerman, Chairperson, reported that the local task force has been meeting on a regular basis. Projected plans are moving forward: the Peace Pole has been designed and constructed by George McCalman

and will be the center of the worship setting. District Presidents will carry symbols of peace in a processional and place them on the worship center. Registration tables will provided at First Church for each district. The president and treasurer will provide service at their respective table to register attendees and pass out packets. Tables will be provided for Dulac, MacDonell's and St. Mark's for display of material about their center. Boxes will be placed at each table for donated school supplies. Sager-Brown is also invited to set up a display and give a presentation about its program.

Discussion: There was discussion about including Sager-Brown's representative to speak at Annual Meeting.

Motion: Kathleen Conrad made the motion: I move that in the year 2004 we invite a representative of the United Methodist Committee on Relief in Baldwin, La. at Sager Brown to present a report at the 2004 Annual Meeting and that the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women select items from the current Mission Resource Catalog to be collected and presented at the Louisiana conference United Methodist Women 2004 Annual Meeting.
The motion was seconded and passed.

MISSION COORDINATORS:

Spiritual Growth: Betty Carlin had the privilege of helping install officers of a reactivated unit of 20 young women in Sweetwater. She attended Lake Charles District Retreat. Because of her husband's illness, she was not able to attend Regional School.

Social Action: Jeanne Green has acted on some proposed initiatives: Cards were mailed to Michael Eisner of the Disney Corporation and signed petitions concerning Sweatshop and Child Labor Abuses were sent. She mailed District Social Action Coordinators a packet of information in February. The 20/20 Charter Club form is being revised. It will no longer be called the 20-20 Charter, but will be called The Charter for Racial Justice. New forms will be used in 2004. Packets with information from Women's Division for District Social Action Coordinators were also given to District Presidents. Sue Johnson, Women's Division Office of Public Policy, would like to work more closely with District Coordinators and would like to receive District Newsletters and the Conference Newsletter. She will be sending social justice information entitled *Spotlight,* to be placed in conference and district newsletter.
A leaflet entitled *What Can Families Do About Racism?* was distributed. A copy of the Charter for Racial Justice application for membership was presented.

Motion: Kathleen Conrad made the motion that the committee accept the new Charter for Racial Justice form. The motion was seconded and passed.

Education and Interpretation: Carolyn Colvin has collected and assembled reports from the local units for Recognition and Excellence of mission studies. The reports are gratifying and will be distributed during School of Christian Mission. She suggested that when attending a district-wide study, have report forms available.
Carolyn has participated in several programs in her unit. She led a study on James twice and led the Monroe District Spiritual Growth Retreat in April. One of her jobs that has had her attention has been working on the Annual Meeting Task Force.

Membership, Nurture and Outreach: Jo Traweek reported that 186 UMW Sunday reports were received from 9 districts. she received 20 applications for the Estelle Dameron Scholarship to the School of Christian Mission. Fifteen scholarships were awarded. Jo sent out letters and report forms from Women's Division to each district MNO coordinator for an accounting of All the local and district units of United Methodist Women with the organizing date and type of unit. Jo received 9 "Woman of the Year in Mission" nominations from 9 districts and prepared ballots for each Executive Committee member to vote to name one Woman of the Year in Mission at Annual Meeting. She attended West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission where she participated in Plenary IV. She has planned Plenary II for the Conference School of Christian Mission. Jo is planning to attend National Seminar in Nashville in August. She has been the study leader for an all day study and will be leading other studies.

Committee on Nominations: Staphenae Carey presented the slate of officers for 2004-2005:
President--Lueburda Myers; Secretary--Frances Patton
Education & Interpretation--Carolyn Colvin; Membership, Nurture & Outreach--Jo Traweek
Secretary of Program Resources--Lana Lathan; Communication Coordinator--Brenda Canty;
Member of Nominating Committee Class 2007--Melba Stine
Nominee for Women's Division and General Board of Global Ministries 2004-2008:
Sandy Darby, Kathleen Conrad, Brenda Canty, and alternate Rita Parham.

Motion: Stephenae moved that the committee accept these nominees. The motion was seconded and passed.
Staphenae attended West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission at Baker University.

Secretary of Program Resources: Shirley Jacocks reported that there is a new system for buying Reading Books.

The criteria is as follows:
1. The display should be sold out of the requested book.
2. You must order two books from the current list.
3. You must pay for the books when ordering. (By cash, check, or credit card)

Reading program reports are due August15, 2003.

Standing Rules & Guidelines: Evelyn Martin, Chairperson, recommended a special recognition pin be give to the Assistant chairperson of Local Arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

Motion: Evelyn Martin made the motion that a special recognition pin be given to the Assistant Chairperson of Local Arrangements for Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Historian: Janet Ward is concerned that there are no district or local historians. There has been little response to her request for district newsletters and event programs.

Communications: There was discussion about problems with the mailing of the Conference Newsletter.

Motion: Brenda made the motion that the newsletter stay in Baton Rouge with additional funding for labor. Staphenae Carey seconded the motion, which passed. Brenda distributed a sheet of Recommendations for Celebration of the 135th Anniversary. She also gave out a chart showing the Articles/News necessary for the Conference Newsletter and who is responsible for specific items.

Jurisdiction: Pat Cobb, of the Core Planning Group, reported the theme of the Quadrennial Meeting is "Vessels of Mission". Plans are in the final stage. Registration forms were given to Conference Presidents at Regional School. An exciting meeting is planned in San Antonio March 12-14, 2004. Lueburda reminded the committee that officer reports for Annual Meeting should be 1 page and camera ready for the Annual Meeting Program Book. The reports should be mailed to her.

Discussion: The possibility of including children in School of Christian Mission was discussed.

Motion: Pat Cobb made the motion that a Task Force be appointed to look into the possibility of bringing children back into the school. Gladys Prillerman seconded the motion, which passed.

Lueburda appointed the following Task Force: Jeanne Green, Jeanette McCalman, Cheryl Milburn, Evelyn Martin, Frances Patton, Tillie Shows and Jo Traweek..

DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Alexandria: Muriel Miller reported the District Executive Committee met in January to plan the year's activities. UMW Sunday was observed in all units of the district. She was the guest speaker at Fellowship Church. She attended the Conference Spiritual Retreat at the Conference Center in March. A new UMW unit was organized in Glenmora UMC adding twelve new members. A Mission trip to Dulac is scheduled for October. Alexandria District holds the attendance banner for School of Christian Mission. A brunch is planned for August honoring all unit presidents in the district. District Annual Meeting will be at Horseshoe UMC on October 4, 2003, with Conference President Lueburda Myers as the guest speaker.

Baton Rouge: Lana Lathan was not able to be present, but sent her written report. she served as song leader for the Retreat in February. Lines of communication are still open with campus ministers at Southern University and Louisiana State University. District officers went to Wesley UMC in Wilson and conducted a reorganization workshop. They are moving forward to become re-chartered and active. An invitation has been received for organization of a unit at the newly formed Hope Church.

Lake Charles: Mary Ann Monk reported an attendance of 77 members at a Quiet Day Program at Uskichitto Retreat Center in April. Three units hosted cluster studies of the current mission studies. On May 4, the district celebrated the re-chartering of the Sweetlake UMW unit, installing the officers and enjoyed a seated tea hosted by the new unit for their members and visiting district and conference officers. Mini-school will be August 24. Rev Angela Bulhof is the newly appointed Director of McNeese Wesley Foundation. Mary Ann looks forward to working with her and exploring the possibility of a college unit there.

Acadiana: Juanita Lagard reported 16 units reported observing UMW Sunday; other units may have failed to send their report. In March Rev. John Johns presented a district-wide study on Restorative Justice. In April a Day Apart was held at Trinity Church in Baldwin, La. The Potter and the Clay was a small group activity led by Shirley King and Adrian Guthrie. District Executive Committee meeting was held June 21, 2003 at Sager Brown. District Mini-school willl be held August 23, 2003 at Sager Brown. Unit visitations are ongoing.

New Orleans: Fannie Reddix reported that on March 29, Mrs. Nancy McCullough led the Day Apart at Cornerstone UMC. The theme was "a Life of Prayer". Fifty-nine persons representing 15 units attended. Lynn Foil was elected as the new District Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Amanda Bowers of Mount Zion UMC presented a workshop on

Aging at the World Federation of Methodists and Uniting Church Women, Region 7 Seminar April 11-13, 2003 at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, Ms. Fannie served as secretary of the Seminar and was elected to serve as Co-convener for the State Meeting in Louisiana in 2004. Ladies from the district participated in the Seminar. She attended the New Orleans District Church Women United Spiritual Retreat in Roberts, La. on May 13-14, 2003 and participated in May Friendship Day Celebration Program. The theme was "Many Gifts, One Spirit". As a UMW representative in the Louisiana Interchurch Conference, Fannie is on the Planning Committee of the World National Workshop on Christian Unity to be held at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans April 2-7, 2005. The New Orleans Teen/College Women's Unit prepared 75 table graces for the West Gulf Regional School. They have adopted the Peoples Community Center as their mission project and have had a cleanup campaign. The young women are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on August 30, 2003 and will be held at the Peoples' Community Center. They are highlighted in the newsletter *ON PUROSE* Spring 2003 issue, published by Teen/University women. The district team visited 7 churches. St. Paul's UMW organized a new circle, called the Night Circle. St. Charles UMW have become active. The New Orleans District sent a special recognition pin to Dr. Rena Yocom. Golden Meadow UMW made and delivered over 200 bonnets and blankets for babies to hospitals in the community. Mini-School will be held August 2, 2003 at Kenner UMC.

North Shore: Tillie Shows reported that the district is very sad because of the re-districting in the conference, the district will be split. She has asked all officers to continue in their present positions until June, 2004. The second phase of the Visitation Program has started and scheduling of visits for the fall is under way. The Children's Reading Program is going very well with 5 units participating. The Gail Epperson Scholarship provided the opportunity for 4 young ladies to attend School of Christian Mission. Twenty-nine women from eleven units went on the District Mission trip to Dulac and MacDonell's Children's Home. The units brought supplies for Dulac and over 300 books to restock books lost in the flooding of Hurricane Lil. MacDonell's Dr. Doug Hall expressed the dream of a new dorm. The value of this tour was seeing mission dollars at work.

Ruston: Kitty Defreese reported she does whatever is needed, answering questions, giving studies and communicating with state, district and local counterparts. Haynesville First UMC hosted Spring Meeting March 9, 2003. Jan Rose presented the program "Singing a New Song". Rev and Mrs. Byron Putman provided music. Seventy-five persons attended. The District Retreat was held at Caney Lake April 26, 2003. District Missioner Renee Evans and Connie Breaux, director of Campus Ministry at Grambling, with 4 young women from her campus group gave a program about the "Labyrinth" and ladies had the opportunity to have this spiritual experience. Sixty-five ladies and one gentleman participated. Mini-School will be held at Hodge UMC August 9, 2003.

Monroe: Sandy DeCelle reported she had visited with Hope UMW and discussed establishing a teen circle. She helped with their UMW Sunday and presented mission ribbons to the new members and recognized the teen circle. There was a good response on UMW Sunday reports. Response for mission studies was not good.

Shreveport: Gladys Prillerman reported that 15 young ladies were present at the Organization for New Units held in Brown Chapel Annex on Centenary campus. Conference and district officers as well as unit presidents were present. A strong effort is being made to include members of the new unit in all district activities, including the district Annual Spring Retreat. The president of the group attended the Consultation for Teen and College Women in Atlanta. The district is providing financial assistance for needed materials and an application for grant money. The unit will set up a table at the upcoming school session to tell other young ladies about UMW and invite them to join. The district has a request for the organization of a new unit. Two new circles have been organized and efforts are being made to organize a day circle in another unit The celebration of special observances have been impressive and well attended. The district is especially excited about hosting this year's Annual Meeting September 19-20, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Frances Patton, Recording Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE MEETING
July 25, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: President Lueburda Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.
Discussion: There was discussion about the order of Program, Finance, and Executive Committee meetings. The consensus was that the Program and Finance Committees should meet before the Executive Committee.
Motion: Jo Traweek made the motion that the School of Christian Mission Committee and the Program Committee meet on November 22, 2003 at 10:00AM. The motion was seconded by Jeanette McCalman and passed by the committee. Kathleen Conrad read the amended goals for 2004; deleting (c) under III and to increase readers in the reading program by 5%.
Nominations: Lueburda announced that the Annual Meeting for 2004 will be in Lafayette. Juanita Lagard is nominated to be the Chairperson and Kathleen Phillips to be the Co-chairperson. DELT leaders for 2004 nominated are Stephanie Carey, Chairperson and Mary Ann Monk as the Co-chairperson. Dean of School of Mission, 2004 will be Kathleen Conrad; nominated for Assistant Dean is Sandy DeCelle. Shirley Jacocks called to the committee's attention that the Secretary of Program Resources had been omitted from the Finance Committee. Her name should be included. The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM The executive committee reconvened at 10:00PM.
President Lueburda Myers presented Sandy De Celle as the Assistant Dean for 2004.
Motion: Kathleen Conrad made the motion to accept Sandy DeCelle as Assistant Dean for 2004. Jo Traweek seconded the motion which passed. Lueburda presented Juanita Lagard as Chair of Annual Meeting Task Force and Kathleen Phillips as the Co-chair.
Motion: Kathleen Conrad made the motion to accept Juanita Lagard as Chairperson of Annual Meeting Task Force for 2004 and Kathleen Phillips as Co-chairperson. Jo Traweek seconded the motion which passed. Lueburda presented Staphenae Carey as the Chairperson for DELT 2004 and Mary Ann Monk as the Co-chairperson for DELT 2004.
Motion: Kathleen Conrad made the motion to accept Staphenae as Chairperson and Mary Ann as co-chairperson of DELT for 2004. Jo Traweek seconded the motion which passed.
Motion: Jeanne Green made the motion to accept the goals for 2004. Jo Traweek seconded the motion which passed.
Jurisdiction: Lueburda informed the committee that 6 voting delegates and 1 alternate are needed for the Quadrennial Meeting in March and 3 nominees for Women's Division Directors: The voting delegates selected were: Lueburda Myers, Kathleen Conrad, Jeanette McCalman, Frances Patton, Jeanne Green, and Brenda Canty with Carolyn Colvin as an alternate. Nominees for Directors were Brenda Canty, Kathleen Conrad and Sandra Darby.
Motion: Jeanne Green made the motion that the committee accept the slate of delegates as listed. Jo Traweek seconded the motion which passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:30PM.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Executive Committee Meeting
September 18, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: President Lueburda Myers called the meeting to order at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Shreveport at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:
Members present were:

Lueburda Myers	Kathleen Conrad	Jeanette McCalman	Frances Patton
Betty Carlin	Carolyn Colvin	Jo Traweek	Jeanne Green
Shirley Jacocks	Eva Martin	Janet Ward	Rita Parham
Lana Lathan	Brenda Canty	Evelyn Martin	Muriel Miller
Juanita Lagard	Mary Ann Monk	Sandy DeCelle	Fannie Reddix
Tillie Shows	Kitty DeFreese	Gladys Prillerman	Staphenae Carey
Donna Law	LaJanice Londro	Ruth Butler	Dorothy Evans
Melba Stine	Janet Dickerson	Jan Rose	

DEVOTIONAL: Kitty Defreese presented the devotion and arranged an inspirational worship center.
REVIEW OF MINUTES: Jeanne Green and Brenda Canty were appointed to review the minutes.
CORRECTION: Tillie Shows has never had cancer as she was reported to be thankful to free of cancer in the July 23, 2003 minutes. She does have heart problems and took radiation to keep down swelling around the stint. She was thankful that it has worked.
REPORTS: President Lueburda Myers informed the group that 3 people will be going for training: Lana Lathan, Melba Stine and Janet Dickerson. Three dates have been given to choose from for the District Training Seminar: October 27-29, 2006; November 3-5, 2006 and April 21, 2006. The theme will be "We Kindle the Gift".
MOTION: Kathleen Conrad made the motion that November 3-5, 2006 would be the first choice, October 27-29, 2006 would be the second choice. and April 21-23, 2006 would be the third choice for the District Training Event. The motion was seconded by Jeanette McCalman and was passed. Applications for the South Central Jurisdiction Meeting in San Antonio were given to district presidents to distribute to local units. Three choir members are needed from each conference. Fannie Reddix voluntered as a second soprano. Anyone who wants to participate by singing or playing an instrument should notify Pat Cobb. There is a $300 scholarship available for youth through writing an essay. Elizabeth Coody sent a letter to Lueburda Myers saying she was selected to attend a United Methodist Women's Consultative Group meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Elizabeth was asked to assist in the planning for Quadrennial Jurisdiction Meeting in San antonio. She needs to use one of the scholarships set aside for Teen and College women wishing to attend. The Women's Division encouraged her to write the Conference President to help her receive the money.
DELT: Lana Lathan presented the program for DELT, "Leadership With a Jazzy Ring". Each Conference Officer was presented a packet with invitations to be mailed to the district counterparts.
PROGRAM RESOURCES: Shirley Jacocks informed the group that any materials needed for DELT must be ordered now. The Reading Program has made advances. As a conference there were 107 churches and 1 district member participating with 641 readers and 3,882 books read.
The Children's Program had 4 churches and a district member participating, with a total of 18 children reading 90 books; a good beginning. Ending her term as Secretary of Program Recources, Shirley thanked everyone for their friendship and support, especially her husband and friend Ken, who carried boxes, worked the cash register and tolerated all the boxes at home.
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION: Kathleen Conrad, Dean of the school for 2004, attended with Assistant Dean Sandy DeCelle the Training for Deans/Assistant Deans Event at Scarritt-Bennett in Nashville, Tennessee September 5-7, 2003. Two areas addressed in the training were Anti-Racism and Sexual Harassment. Beginning in 2003, the General Board of Global Ministries will develop only 1 new study each year.A new Spiritual Growth Study will be developed each year by the Women's Division. The geographical and general issue studies will alternate for two years. The basic text will remain the same. The studies for 2004 School of Christian Mission are: Spiritual

Growth, Prayer; General Issue: Public Education; and the Geographical study: Cuba. Projected studies for 2005-6 are: Children in the Bible, Pakistan and India, and Public Educaton. Projected studies for 2006-7 are: Shalom, Salaam, Peace; Pakistan and India, and the Impact of Globalization on Our Lives. The School of Christian Mission Committee for 2004 will meet November 22, 2003.

VICE PRESIDENT: Kathleen Conrad reported that the memories of 2003 all point to a year of mission living and mission giving.

STANDING RULES AND GUIDELINES: Evelyn Martin informed the organization of three procedures to adhere to for ensuring insurance coverage for Conference, District and Local members taking field trips:

1. Send a letter to the conference treasurer stating the date of the trip and the number of persons participating in the Mission trip.
2. The cost for the insurance is forty cents per person per day. Send a check to the conference treasurer to cover the cost for each person on the trip.
3. The conference treasurer will need all information before the trip or immediately after the trip.

TREASURER: Jeanette McCalman distributed a report on the cost of the 2003 School of Christian Mission. She will have a full report at the January Mid-Year Meeting. In the year 2004, United Methodist Women will be celebrating 135 years of work in missions. Look for articles and ideas about how to celebrate.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Betty Carlin expressed her gratitude and love for all who filled in for her while her husband was ill, and she could not fulfill her obligations.

SOCIAL ACTION: Jeanne Green reported that a new form will be used to replace the old 20/20 form. All District Social Action Coordinators have received a new form, along with a letter from Glory Dharmaraj of Women's Division, asking them to complete a community poverty survey. It should be mailed to her no later than October 1, 2003. Women's Division is trying to work more closely with the conferences and districts to be more aware of what is being done at the grass roots level. This survey will be very inportant and Women's Division will be disappointed to not receive replies from each district. Jeanne received 27 20/20 club reports, representing 6 districts. She would like very much to receive reports from each district. Jeanne has received information on holding a Legislative event. Some decisions will need to come from the Executive Committee, such as decisions about whether in the districts or in the conference, how often and whether the conference can financially afford another event. Jeanne is preparing packets for DELT and encouraging district coordinators to attend.

DISCUSSION: Sandra Darby informed the group that Arkansas has an Interfaith Legislative Event, where the United Methodist Women ate lunch with the legislators and sat through a legislative session. Brenda suggested that the Louisiana Conference have a legislative event..

MOTION: Rita Parham made a motion that the Louisiana Conference UMW sponsor a legislative event on the even number years (Years when there is no Conference Retreat).Helen Green seconded the motion, which passed.

EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION: Carolyn Colvin reported 140 certificates for Mission Today units were earned, which is 53% of the units and an increase over last year.

MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE AND OUTREACH: Jo Traweek reported that there is a total of 258 units in the conference, 194 UMW Sunday reports were received. 7 new units have been organized and 16 have reorganized. Membership is down 146 from last year. There were 20 appplicants for Estelle Dameron scholarships. 15 scholarships were awarded. Women in Mission nominations were received from each district.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: Staphenae Carey reported those nominated for a two-year term 2004-2005 as follows: President, Lueburda Myers; Secretary, Frances Patton; Education & Interpretation Coordinator, Carolyn Colvin; Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator, Jo Traweek; Secretary of Program Resources, Lana Lathan; Communications Coordinator, Brenda Canty; Members of the Committee on Nominations Class 2007, Melba Stine and Janet Dickerson. Nominees for Delegates to the 2004 South Central Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting are: Lueburda Myers, President; Kathleen Conrad, Vice-President; Frances Patton, Secretary; Jeanette McCalman, Treasurer, Jeanne Green, Social Action Coordinator, Brenda Canty, Communications Coordinator. Nominees for Women's Division Directors 2005-2008 are: Brenda Canty, Kathleen Conrad and Sandra Darby.

2004 ANNUAL MEETING TASK FORCE: Juanita Lagard invited the Louisiana Conference UMW to come to Lafayette for the Annual Meeting in 2004. There are 2 hotels, Holiday Inn and Holiday Acadiana which have been chosen as conference hotels.

MOTION: Sandra Darby made the motion that the Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Meeting be held in Lafayette on the weekend of September 24-25, 2004. The motion was seconded by Brenda Canty and passed by the assembly.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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30TH ANNUAL MEETING
September 19, 2003
First Methodist Church
Shreveport, Louisiana

Theme: PEACE; Scripture: Mathew 5:9: "Blessed are the Peacemakers".
Song Leader: Kay Hutchinson; Organist: Josh Nelson; Pianist: Becky Gerardy
The Annual Meeting was opened with a processional of the Conference Officers and guests, while singing "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing". Symbols were carried by persons in the processional and placed on the Peace Pole at the altar. President Lueburda Myers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Betty Carlin, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, gave the invocation from Psalms, which urged sharing with those who have not. THE PURPOSE of the United Methodist Women was afiirmed by Norma Winegeart, former Conference UMW president, leading the group in unison repeating the purpose. "This is My Song" was sung, led by Kay Hutchinson. Dr. Pat Day, senior pastor of First UMC, Shreveport; Dr. William Peeples, Shreveport District Superintendent; and Sue Dykes, local UMW president, First UMC, Shreveport welcomed the United Methodist Women of the Louisiana Conference Gladys Prillerman, Annual Meeting Chairperson, and Carolyn Colvin, Assistant Chairperson, gave a humorous skit introducing the program book Velda McCormick, Local Arrangements Chairperson, gave directions about where the banquet would be held. Lueburda Myers recognized visitors, Joyce Sohl, Bishop Hutchinson and his wife Kay, and the past presidents of the conference. Shirley Hoffpauir, former Conference UMW Treasurer, gave the past 25 year history of the Mission Candle. It was originally formed by Lucy Vincent of Henning Memorial Methodist Church in Sulphur. It was made in 1978 to celebrate 100 years of the Conference organization and was called the Heritage Candle. All units were asked to send $1.00 per name to be honored or memorialized at Annual Meeting held in First Church, Shreveport. $6,636.00 was collected and sent undesignated to Women's Division. The candle was handed to Shirley Hoffpauir, Treasurer, who suggested it be used in 1980 Annual Meeting as the Mission Candle and "per minute" was established for that year at $27.98. Through the year 2002, $206,486.96 has been sent to Mission by the use of the candle. In 2003 the "per minute"was $38.26, $11,293.69 has been collected, and the candle will burn 4 hours, 55 minutes and 8 seconds. Rev. Ellen Montegudo from Coushatta, Wesley Chapel, gave the opening meditation on "Blessed are the Peacemakers". President Lueburda Myers called the business session to order. Evelyn Martin and Tillie Shows were appointed to examine the minutes.
MISSION TEAM REPORTS:
Jo Traweek and Doris Henderson reported on the UMW National Seminar for District Officers in Nashville. The theme of the seminar was, "If not now, when?" and "If not me .who?", "Answering God's Call". Doris attended a workshop on how to help immigrants. Jo attended a workshop was on Public Education; to make a personal plan to help parents be able to help their children.
VICE PRESIDENT: Kathleen Conrad presented the Goals for 2004.
Motion: Sandra Darby made the motion to accept the goals as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.
TREASURER: **Motion:** Jeanette McCalman made the motion that the conference accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed. Jeanette distributed the Five Star Certificates. Shreveport District was a Five Star District with over 80% of the units in the district receiving five Star Certificates.
SOCIAL ACTION: Jeanne Green distributed certificates for Charters for Racial Justice.

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION: Carolyn Colvin distributed 140 Mission Today Certificates. The goal for the conference for the year 2003 was 75%. The conference reached 53%. New Orleans District had 89% of the units receiving Mission Today Certificates.
MEMBERSHIP, NURTURE, AND OUTREACH: Jo Traweek announced Jeanette Key of Alexandria District as the Woman in Mission for the year.
PROGRAM RESOURCES: Shirley Jacocks distributed Reading Certificates. 107 units reported. She reported the Children's Reading Program is making progress.
COMMUNICATIONS: Brenda Canty reported she sent out over 3,000 newsletters. Labels should be sent to her by district secretaries only. She asked that units and districts prepare to celebrate 135 th birthday.
NOMINATIONS: Staphenae Carey presented the list of nomineess for 2 years: Lueburda Myers, president; Frances Patton, Secretary; Carolyn Colvin, Education & Interpretation Coordinator; Jo Traweek, Membership, Nurture & Outreach Coordinator; Lana Lathan, Secretary of Program Resources; Brenda Canty, Communications Coordinator; Melba Stine andJan Dickerson, Members of the Nominating Committee, Class of 2007.
Motion: Sandra Darby made the motion that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and passed. Other Nominations were: Delegates to the 2004 South Central Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting, Lueburda Myers, Kathleen Conrad, Frances Patton, Jeanette McCalman, Jeanne Green and Brenda Canty.
Motion: Sandra Darby made the motion to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded and passed.
Nominees for Women's Division Directors for 2005-8 were: Brenda Canty, Kathleen Conrad and Sandra Darby. No nominations were offered from the floor.
Motion: Fannie Reddix made the motion to accept the nominees. The motion was seconded and passed.
Gail Anders of Church Women United expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the United Methodist women.
NATIONAL MISSION PROJECTS OF THE WOMEN'S DIVISION IN LOUISIANA:
Dulac Cooperative Ministries reported that finances from Call to Prayer and Self Denial made it possible for them to get computers. Volunteers hold Bible School and do other needed work. Local people also volunteer. Pre-school classes are held at Clanton Chapel. Rev. Gerald Bridges from MacDonell's presented a challenge to United Methodist Women to help build a new dormitory. Pat Colvin of St. Mark's Community Center which serves 100 children between 7 and 13 years of age, reported she is praying for help. They need $5,000 to keep open the next month. She asked for any donation, none is too small. Gwen Reddy of UMCOR/Sager Brown, reported that they send aid throughout the country and the world. Disaster relief is sent nationally and internationally. United Methodist Women can help by sending health kits, school kits, financial support and volunteer work.
RETIRING OFFICERS: Norma Winegeart presided over the retirement of officers for Janelle McCammon, who was not able to attend. Norma presented Shirley Jacocks, Program Resources Secretary, Nell Hayes and Helen Green , Nominating Committee members with Special Recognition Pins.
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION UMW GREETINGS:
All wearing crowns of flowers, Pat Cobb and Sandra Darby led the Conference Officers in singing a ditty inviting everyone to South Central Juristion Quadrennial Meeting in San Anntonio March 12-14, 2004. Walking down the aisles while singing, the crowns of celebration, called caronas, were flung into the audience. Sandra Darby spoke about the theme of the Quadreenial Meeting, "Vessels of Mission". Job said, "Remember that you fashioned me like clay; Will you turn me to dust again?"(Job 10:9). The same natural elements that we have in the potter's clay are the same natural elements that we have in our body, with one very major difference--we have the breath of life breathed into us. Most of us know that "the Lord God formed man from the dust and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). It refers to man being created from the terracotta of the ground which is very similar to the potter's clay, red earth. Psalm 40:1-2 says "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon the rock, making my steps secure". By thowing the clay upon the potters wheel he essentially sets its "foot" upon the rock. The term used to describe the bottom of all vessels is a foot. Our feet have to be established on the rock of Jesus Christ. He wants us to be centered on the rock, just like clay on the wheel. When the lump of clay is off center, it will toss your hands back and forth. When the true hands of the Lord come upon us, we will never be the same. When the clay is centered you will notice the difference--there is no fighting. It reminds us of the scripture,"be still and know that I am God". The next step is creating the heart. The inside of the vessel is called "the heart of the vessel" just like us. He creates inside of us a new heart. The larger the heart inside the vessel, the larger the gifts it will be able to contain. The most wonderful thing about the clay is that it will always responds to the hands. If we feel the true hands of God upon us today we should respond like the clay in His hands. If each of you were sitting in

front of the wheel you would see this vessel from different angles. You see the outside. As the creator can look right down into the heart of the vessel, man looks upon the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. He sees everything inside us. the closer we grow toward him, the closer we will grow toward one another. Just like cutting away the burden of the vessel, cutting away the excess at the base so the base will not be weighed down, so will God take the burden away from you. When we come through the fire, we know we no longer represent a vessel that could easily collapse. Enduring the high temperature, the vessel goes through purification. The clay becomes solid rock.On Christ the rock we stand today. One vessel that describes what God wants us to do with our lives is the cup. Cups were created to serve. If the cup is filled up, and always stayed full, it would never have served its purpose. It was made to quench thirst, but the only way to do that is to pour its heart out for another. As you empty yourself out, the Lord is always there quickly to fill you back up to the point of overflowing. All vessels are different, all special, with much diversiy in color and size, just like the flowers in the coronas of celebration you are wearing . One item of clebration is that Pat Cobb is the nominee for South Central Jurisdiction President. The closing hymn was "Let There Be Peace on Earth". The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m to reconvene at 6:30 p.m.at the Sheraton Hotel for the Banquet and program.

FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET AND PROGRAM

Sheraton Hotel Banquet Room in Shreveport

September 19, 2003

Members of the Annual Meeting gathered at 6:30 p.m. Carolyn Colvin with her hand puppet welcomed the group. Annette Fortuna entertained everyone with her guitar and songs expressing the theme of peace. Kathleen Conrad presented a gift to Bishop and Mrs. Hutchinson to lure them to Lafayette next year. A gift was also presented to Joyce Sohl. Kathleen Conrad introduced Joyce Sohl. Joyce's speech is included in full as presented.

Speech #1 Theme: Peace

Scripture: Matthew 5:9: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.'

Your theme this week is Peace. Peace has many different meanings even in the dictionary:

-a state of quiet or tranquillity; -freedom from disturbance, calm, repose;
-absence or cessation of war; -freedom from violence; -reconciliation, friendly relations.
concord, agreement; -freedom from mental agitation or anxiety; -spiritual content;
-to be silent

This is a broad topic, but one that can take us down interesting roads on our faith journey. In order to address some of the issues/concerns I see in your theme and the related scripture text, I am making my two presentations to you connected. Hopefully most of you will be here tomorrow to get the second look at the theme, but if not you will get tonight what I consider to be the necessary first step in becoming peacemakers. Over Labor Day weekend I was driving down a street in a neighboring town and noticed on the bulletin board of the Catholic church this statement:

No God No Peace
Know God Know Peace

That's a powerful statement! To me it translates as "If you say no to God, then you do not have peace. On the other hand, Knowledge/understandin/belief in God gives to you the gift of "peace". It reminded me of our Purpose as United Methodist Women: "To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons in Jesus Christ". One of the attributes of God described in both the Old and New Testaments is that of peace. God's son, Jesus is proclaimed by Isaiah to be "the Prince of Peace". The angels proclaimed "Peace on earth" at the birth of Jesus. God's reign is about peace and reconciliation; wholeness between peoples and between people and God-such a reign is a promise of God. But do we really see God as a God of Peace or do we see God as a God of vengenance and violence. Do we see God as a God that preaches through his son, "to love your enemies, to do good to those that hate you" or do we see God as a God that condones violence, even war? These are difficult questions and each of us must answer them ourselves, struggle with them and with God. But these questions are key to our text. The blessing that is given to peacemakers is to be called children of God. And our understanding of God determines what kind of children of God we will be. William Barclay translates this phrase: 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they are doing God-like work.'. So again-do we understand/ believe that God is a God of peace? That peacemaking is God-like work? Carole Turner Johnston has written this poem entitled "Peace Tables"

"Around big tables gather countries concerned
about boundaries and missiles conventional and not.
Around communion tables kneel churches impassioned
with divine and human rights.

Around dinner tables meet homes struggling
against gaps in generations and pay checks.
But it is at the lonely table of each heart
that peace is made or tabled."

Friends, peacemaking is first about making peace with oneself. This can be more difficult than any other peacemaking. It is not a one time job, but a lifetime process-a process that demands mercy, forgiveness, acceptance and love of self in order to be merciful, forgiving, accepting and loving of others. To make peace within ourselves is to accept God's gift of peace and to continually work with God to obtain an inner peace. Archbishop Don Helder Camara of Brazil faced all kind of violence and opression in his advocacy work for the poor. When asked , "Who is your most difficult opponent?", he slowly pointed his finger to his own heart and said: "I am my own worst enemy, my most difficult adversary. Here I have the greatest struggle for peace." His response is similar to that of Paul as he describes "for I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do". It is through Jesus the Christ that we are able to engage in this process of peacemaking within. Tools to assist us in this peacemaking are available. Each of us must find those that are most helpful to us, for all may not be helpful or possible. Let me list just a few:

Solitude: finding space each day if possible to be alone with God. It can be in the car alone or during a few minutes of break from work. This gives us an opportunity to face ourselves and renew our relationship with God. Some may choose to have more extended periods of solitude on a regular basis. Those of us who live alone must also find space for solitude-it is different from just being alone. Even we can fill up our days without solitude time.

Silience: silence is of course part of solitude and it is opening ourselves up to God. It is following the instruction of the Psalmist: "Be still and know that I am God". It is a part of prayer of simply sitting in silence in God's presence. Silence is also about doing your work in silence: resting or reading; speaking to no person. Silence is shutting out the noise of our lives.

Listen: Prayer is much is more than words that we say. Prayer is an honest dialogue with God. Prayer is also listening for God. Listening in this sense, is about opening ourselves to God and the newness that God has for us. Such listening for God, allows God to give the gift of peace to us over and over again as we struggle with our lives.

Openness: Openness is about betting go of preconceived ideas and understandings. Openness is having/using our eyes to see and our ears to hear God at work in our lives and in the events of the world. Our God is a living God and is in our world today-God is doing God's work in our midst. Can we see it? To know God is to know peace-an inner peace that can lead us to peacemaking in the world. This peace must be made in our hearts or the peace that the world needs so desperately will be a long time coming. Velda McCormick, Local Arrangements, announced breakfast would be served at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Bishop Hutchinson gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING
September 20, 2003
Sanctuary First United Methodist Church in Shreveport

After a Continental Breakfast served by the UMW ladies of Shreveport First United Methodist Church in Bain Hall of the Hunter Building, First United Methodist Church, the meeting convened at 8:30 a.m in the Sanctuary.
Kay Hutchinson led the members of the conference in singing "This is My Song". Katie McKay , member of Centennary UMW unit led the opening prayer "Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" from the Hymnal.
Rev. Kenneth Fisher of St. Paul-Round Grove, Shreveport gave the devotional. Elizabeth Coody and Ashley Lacy led the group in a Litany of Peace. Kathleen Conrad introduced Joyce Sohl, Deputy General Secretary of Women's Division, as the speaker. Speech #2 follows in its entirety. Theme: Peace, Scripture: Matthew 5:9: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God'. Consider these two images of peace. The first is a mountain scene with blue sky, trees, meadows and a small cabin sitting in the midst of all the beauty. There is smoke coming from the chimney that is going straight up since there is no wind. The scene is a peaceful one. The second scene is entirely different. Imagine if you would, a roaring waterfall with trees and rocks in the water and along the bank. In the midst of this noise and tumult a bird is building her nest on a limb out over the waterfall. Many would not see this as peaceful, but this is the peace of the Gospel-a peace that is in the midst of the world's tumult, suffering and pain. It is this peace that Jesus gave to his disciples and to us when he said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." The Hebrew word for peace is *shalom.* It has many different beings in the scriptures: rest, ease, wholeness, health, security, prosperity, political and spiritual well-being, quietness, unity. It is much more than "inner serenity"

as we often like to think. It is also more than the absence of war, which is usually the first meaning that comes to mind. Peace in the Biblical understanding is often tied to God's covenant and God's promises for "new heaven and a new earth". Within the Bible peace is often-at least 100 times-related to justice or righteousness. In James 3:18 we read: "And a harvest of righteousness (of justice) is sown in peace for those who make peace".or in Psalm 85:10 it is written: "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness (justice) and peace will kiss each other" or in II Peter 3:13-14 it says: "We have God's promise, and look forward to new heavens and a new earth, the home of justice. With this to look forward to, do your utmost to be found at peace..." It is important to note the order of justice and peace in these passages. Peace is always a result of justice. Over and over again the scripture affirms: "There can be no peace without justice". We can see this also as we observe happenings in our world-between Israel and Palestine; in the discussions regarding welfare; in the issues related to immigration in our own country, etc. But the peace/justice process must begin with the personal peace-the gift that was/is given to each of us by Jesus in order to do the work of justice under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Someone has written: From a quiet mind comes vision;

From vision comes knowledge of unity;
From knowledge of unity comes compassion for all/
From compassion comes peace.

It is a cyclical process: Jesus gives us peace-in order to do justice-thus bringing shalom to the world. Jesus told his disciples that he leaves his peace with them. The peace that he gave to his disciples was not an existence without tension, conflict, suffering or pain. It was a peace that came through the suffering, an inner peace that helped deal with the tension; a peace that made the tension, conflict and turmoil a creative agent for change. This gift of peace is given to us as well. Too often we don't accept it-we don't get beyond the tensions, we don't use the conflict creatively and thus we miss the true peace that God has for us. God's peace within each of us comes in silence, in listening to God. It involves a self-acceptance, a love of oneself in order to love another. Rejection of others, guilt, sadness makes it hard to feel God's peace. Inner peace is a freedom from fears and anxieties; it is an emphasis on trust, blessing and love. Peace within is not produced overnight;; instead it is a learned process brought about by prayer, spiritual disciplines, self-knowledge and understanding, and developing a deep and abiding relaltionship with God. Howard Thurman in *Meditations of the Heart* put it this way: "Whatever may be the tensions and the stresses of a particular day, there is always lurking close at hand the trailing beauty of forgotten joy or unremembered peace." God's peace is there for us to accept as a true gift because we are a child of God, loved and cherished. Jesus told us not to be anxious about our lives. This is God's promise of faithfulness. Can we accept this wonderful gift of inner peace in order to live at peace in our communities, our churches, our nations? Are we willing to be the peacemakers within our world?

Peacemaking is the justice work that God calls us to do. Jesus faced the injustices of his world:

He attacked racism in the story of the Good Samaritan;
He attacked sexism in his encounter with the woman at the well;
He challenged the improper use of wealth in the story of the rich young ruler;
He pressed for healing and health when he healed on the Sabbath;
He charged the Pharisees with manipulating the laws for their own benefit;
He chased the money changers and merchants from the temple.

And he also said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Peacemakers are much more than the keepers of the peace. Many a person has assumed the role of peace keeper in a family by ignoring problems, not talking about difficullties or certain issues, and/or doing all the chores instead of trying to enlist help. The United Nations or individual countries have become peace keepers in order to bring stability and order to conflicted situations by using force to keep the peace. Such actions by individuals or nations may maintain a semblance of peace, but the cause for conflict or political unrest is still there and has not been truly addressed. Peacemakers have different responsibilities from peacekeepers. Muriel Lester in her book "Peacemaking and the Community of Faith" said "the job of the peacemaker is to stop war, to purify the world, to get it saved from poverty and riches, to heal the sick, to comfort the sad, to wake up those who have not yet found God, to create joy and beauty wherever you go, to find God in everything and everyone." Robert McAfee Brown put it another way: "Concern for peacemaking doesn't just involve keeping us out of war(though it obviously includes that); it also involves seeing to it that people have enough to eat; that they are not undernourished or malnourished; that they can go bed at night without fear that someone will spirit them off to prison; that the society will be so planned that there is food enough to go around; that the politics of the country and of the world are so arranged that everybody's basic

needs are met. Otherwise, no shalom". And he ends by saying: "There's still plenty of work to keep peacemakers busy." Peacemaking is primarily the responsibility of those with privilege/power in a community or in the world. This is difficult for often it means that adjustments must be made in the distribution of material resources; in the sharing of decision making; and the power structures. These are not easy issues, for it pits individual rights against the common good of the community/world; or demands sharing of power in the workplace, the political arena and in the church with women and minorities; or it may even involve bowing by a nation to the demands of such forums as the United Nations. Peacemaking may be done individually, but it is more often done by a group of like-minded individuals. Even in a collective effort, each person has a contribution to make. As United Methodist Women, we know that it is as we work together that we can truly make a difference in our world. We must identify and name the injustices; we must analyze and strategize ways of addressing each issue; we must act, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to alleviate the hurts, injustices and miseries of God's people. Together we can be peacemakers that are so badly needed in today's world. Peacemaking though, friends, is also about working against war, hate, revenge, civil unrest and the violation of human rights. This is not popular in some circles today, but God calls us to be peacemakers in the midst of violence. Peacemakers are to show love and compassion as did Jesus, the Christ. Jesus would see huge crowds of people "and he had compassion for them" or he would teach them "because he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd" or as he went about the cities and villages preaching the good news and healing, he had compassion for the crowds "because they were harassed and helpless". The word compassion means "suffering with" or literally "to let one's innards embrace the feeling or situation of another". Jesus showed compassion and we are to do the same, thus telling to the world that there are alternatives to indifference, exploitation, revenge, hate, oppression and suffering. Jesus also instructed us to love our enemies; to do good to those who hurt or harm us; to turn the other cheek; to walk the extra mile. In these commands, Jesus was helping us see a non-violent way of opposing what is and presenting the alternative of God's reign to all god's people. He was helping us to understand that nothing is impossible with God, even changing the hearts of those who brutalize their fellow human beings is within God's possibilities. Oh, this is hard work to overcome evil with good, to give a non-violent response to violence is not the normal way of resolving conflict and it certainly is a radical foreign policy when it is applied between nations. Dietrich Bonhoefer, a Lutheran minister in Germany, raised some hard quesions at the beginning of World War II: How does peace come about? Through a system of political treatises? Through the investment of international capital in different countries? Or through universal, peaceful rearmement in order to guarantee peace? His answer is: " Through none of these for the single reason that all of them confuse peace with safety. There is no way to peace along the way of safety. For peace must be dared. Peace is the great venture. It can never be safe. Peace is the opposite of security. Peace must be dared". Are we ready to be daring peacemakers that go beyond peace keeping? Are we willing to counter terrorism and violence and war with the tools of peacemaking as did Jesus the Christ? Jesus said: " My peace I leave with you. Blessed are the peacemakers for will be called the children of God". Let us accept Jesus' gift of peace. Let us continue to be daring peacemakers. Let us claim God's promise of shalom for God's world.

PLEDGE SERVICE:

Treasurer, Jeanette McCalman and Carolyn Colvin, Education & Interpretation Coordinator, conducted the Pledge Service. District pledges were as follows:

Acadiana pledged $19,200; Alexandria $30,000; Baton Rouge $49,600; Lake Charles$40,000; Monroe$26,500; New Orleans $42,850; North Shore $22,500; Ruston $27,500; Shreveport $44,250. The total pledge for the Louisiana Conference was $240,000.

Jeanette McCalman gave the Offeratory prayer and the district treasurers took the offering.

Patty Lindsey, member of Annual Meeting Task Force reported a registration of 327.

Jo Traweek recognized 3 Teen and College members. President Lueburda Myers Presented Special Recognition Pins to Bishop Hutchinson, Gladys Prillerman, Carolyn Colvin, Velda McCormick, and Elaine Caldwell Smith. Elected officers were installed by Doris Henderson. Acadiana District extended the invitation to host the Annual Meeting for 2004. Velda McCormick announced that the offering amounted to $1313.49. Sack lunches would be provided after communion. President Lueburda Myers adjouned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The members gathered in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. The Centennary Choir provided special music. Bishop Hutchinson gave the communion meditation. Dr. Pat Day, Dr. William Peeples, Rev. Kenneth Fisher, Dr. Willie Henry, Rev. Frances Freeman, Rev. Ellen Alston, Rev. Bonita Davis, Rev Sandra Huber, and Rev Theresa McConnell served the elements of communion. The closing hymn was "Let There Be Peace on Earth" The Benediction was given by the Centennary Choir.

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 20, 2003

President Lueburda Myers called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. New members wre introduced: Jan Rose, Ruston District President; Lorraine Murtishaw, Baton Rouge District President; Jan Dickerson, Nominations Member, Melba Stine, Nominations Member. The Committee members were encouraged to attend the Quadrennial Meeting in San Antonio by Sandra Darby.

Motion: Janet Ward made a motion that a card of thanks be given to Shirley Jacocks' husband for his work in the Resource room. Tillie Shows seconded the motion which passed. There was discussion about including children in School of Christian Mission. The Conference is committed to the Conference Center for 2004. The Task Force Committee will explore possibilities and report on November 22, 2003 at the School of Christian Mission Committee meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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